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TEXT OF ATLANTIC PACT RELEASED

Members To Fight Aggression By Collective Armed Action PACT TO BE VALID FOR 20 YEARS

Washington, March 18.

Seven Western nations today gave notice that they intend to fight aggression anywhere in Europe or North America by collective armed action.

The Atlantic Pact—the text of which was issued in the seven capitals after secret talks lasting eight months—will bind each of the signatories to go to the aid of any member attacked with such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force.

They also agree to consult together in the event of a threat to the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the parties.

The 20-year pact will be signed in Washington on April 4, by Britain, the United States, France, Belgium, Canada, Luxembourg and Holland. Five other nations—Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal and Italy—have been invited to join.

The provision for action against attack is laid down in vital Article 5 of the treaty, which was recently the object of controversy in the United States Congress over the question of armed forces.

The article requires that any attack and the measures subsequently taken to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area shall be reported to the Security Council of the United Nations.

A council, representing all the signatories will be set up to implement the treaty. It will be so-organised as to be able to meet promptly at any time.

It is emphasised that the treaty does not affect the rights and obligations under the United Nations Charter or the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The wording of Article 5 of the 1,000-word pact was worked out by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, after consultation with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

American officials believe the phrase "such action as it deems necessary" would fully preserve this country's freedom of action and especially the constitutional right of Congress to declare war. They hope for speedy ratification of the treaty by the Senate after it is signed here early in April. Ratification by all the seven original sponsoring countries is necessary to put the treaty into effect.

Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Committee predicted certain ratification but said there would be extensive hearings and debate first. There is evidence of some opposition but its strength remains to be seen. A two-thirds vote of the Senate is necessary for ratification.

The treaty will be followed by a programme to supply Western Europe with U.S.\$1,000,000,000 to U.S.\$2,000,000,000 worth of United States military equipment in a year. A high-level council of all members would immediately establish a defence committee that would work out defence plans for the entire area covered. The essential of course, is Western Europe. A council would be set up so it could meet promptly at any time.

The treaty is expected to prompt stern Soviet retaliation, primarily through Communist strikes, sabotage and demonstrations inside Western European countries. Indian Communists already have started such action.

"Imperialist" Plot

Moscow has branded the alliance as an imperialist plot by Britain and the United States to wage war. The brief preamble to the 14-article pact states, however, that it is designed to enable the treaty signatories to live in peace with all peoples and all governments.

They are determined to safeguard the freedom of common heritage and the civilization of their people founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law. They seek to promote stability and well being in the North Atlantic area. They are resolved to unite their efforts for collective defence and for the preservation of peace and security.

The final draft of the treaty sets up a security zone of North America and Europe covering territory of all members North of the Tropic of Cancer. It extends full defence protection to their island possessions, ships and planes in the area and their occupation forces in Germany, Austria and Trieste. Extension of the pact to include the occupation forces in Europe apparently means that any Soviet attack on American, British and French troops in Western Berlin would prompt swift retaliatory action by all powers.

The treaty also:

1. Provides for consultations by the treaty powers whenever in

Bevin's Speech To Be Relayed

Provided reception is favourable, Mr. Ernest Bevin's speech on the Atlantic Pact will be relayed by Radio Hong Kong at 1 p.m. today.

The opinion of any of them the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the parties is threatened. This would cover the threat of outside attacks as well as threatened coup d'etat from within any State.

2. Pledges that all the powers will endeavour to settle any international disputes involving them by "peaceful means" as set forth in the United Nations Charter. They "would refrain from their international relations from threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purpose of the United Nations;

Self-Help

3. Declares all the parties separately and jointly by means of their own individual self-help and mutual aid will maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack.

4. Assures that in any armed attack, and all measures taken to meet it, shall immediately be reported to the Security Council. Such measures shall terminate when the Security Council has taken the necessary measures to restore and maintain international peace and security. The Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of world peace and security.

5. States that the North Atlantic Pact does not conflict with any other international treaties in force between any of the treaty members or a third power. This would leave in effect, for example, the recent British-Soviet and French-Soviet non-aggression treaties.

The following is the official text of the proposed North Atlantic Pact:

Preamble—The parties to this treaty reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and their desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments. They are determined to safeguard the freedom of common heritage and civilization of their peoples founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law. They are resolved to unite their efforts for collective defence and for the preservation of peace and security. They, therefore, agree to the North Atlantic treaty:

Article 1: The parties undertake as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations to settle any international disputes in which they may be involved by peaceful means in such manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered and to refrain from their international relations from threat or the use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

Stability Sought

Article 2: The parties will contribute toward further development of peaceful and friendly international relations by strengthening their free institutions, by bringing about better understanding of the principles upon which these institutions are founded, and by promoting con-

ditions of stability and well-being. They will seek to eliminate conflict in their international economic policies and will encourage economic collaboration between any or all of them.

Article 3: In order more effectively to achieve the objectives of this treaty, the parties separately and jointly by means of continuous and effective self help and mutual aid, will maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack.

Article 4: The parties will consult together whenever in the opinion of any of them the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the parties is threatened.

Article 5: The parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all and, consequently, they agree that if such an armed attack occurs each of them, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defence, shall take such action as it deems necessary, including the use of arms, to restore and maintain security of the North Atlantic area.

Report To UN

Any such armed attack and all measures taken as a result thereof shall immediately be reported to the Security Council. Such measures shall be terminated when the Security Council has taken measures necessary to restore and maintain international peace and security.

Article 6: For the purpose of Article 5 an armed attack on one or more of the parties is deemed to include an armed attack on the territory of any of the parties in Europe or North America, or the Algerian department of France, on the occupation forces of any party in Europe, on islands under the jurisdiction of any party in the North Atlantic area North of the Tropic of Cancer or on vessels or aircraft in this area of any of the parties.

Article 7: This treaty does not affect and shall not be interpreted as affecting in any way the rights and obligations under the Charter of the United Nations or the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Article 8: Each party declares that none of the international engagements now in force between it and any other parties or any third state is in conflict with the provisions of this treaty and undertake not to enter into any international engagements in conflict with this treaty.

Article 9: The parties hereby establish a council on which each of them shall be represented to consider matters concerning the implementation of this treaty. The council shall be so organized as to be able to meet promptly at any time. The council shall set up such subsidiary bodies as may be necessary. In particular it shall establish immediately a defence committee which shall recommend measures for the implementation of Articles 3 and 5.

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Princess Elizabeth Pleases Colonials



Princess Elizabeth brings a smile to the face of the young Colonial student at left during her visit to the Edinburgh University Colonial Students' Hostel. The Princess, who had earlier received an honorary degree at the University, said she was glad to learn the University had several hundred students from the Commonwealth and foreign countries.—AP Photo.

Dean Acheson Outlines Atlantic Pact

Washington, March 18.
The Council of the North Atlantic Powers, to be set up under the Atlantic Pact would be substantially in continuous session, the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today.

Its headquarters might be either in Washington or Brussels, he said.

Mr. Acheson declared at a press conference here that an attack on American aircraft flying into Berlin over Soviet-occupied Germany in the airlift operation would be regarded as an "armed attack" under the terms of the pact.

Mr. Acheson was closely questioned for 70 minutes on the implications of the pact, particularly for the United States. He said that in the event of an armed attack there would be an obligation on the United States to achieve the result defined by the treaty as "to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area."

The decision as to what action the United States deemed necessary would be taken under the United States constitutional procedures, he said.

He was understood to mean that the decision would be made by Congress if it involved a declaration of war.

Mr. Acheson added that one question would be the actual gravity of the attack. He distinguished between attacks which threatened peace and security and those which were merely border scuffles.

Mr. Acheson said there was no geographical limit to the area in which a threat to the security of the powers—as distinct from an "armed attack"—might take place in terms of Article 4. But this article, he said, provided for consultation and there was no provision in it for specific action.

What might come within the field of consultation under Article 4 was broader than that under Article 5, referring to armed attack.—Routier.

PLANE WRECKED NEAR WELLINGTON

Auckland, New Zealand, March 18.
A passenger plane with 15 aboard was wrecked today in a hilly area 30 miles North of Wellington.

Alt Search Headquarters said it had received reports the plane was completely broken up and burning. There was no immediate word about the 13 passengers and crew of two.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER
AT 5:00 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) from a moderate anti-cyclone near Lake Baikal a ridge extends Southward to China and the neighbouring seas. A complex low pressure system over Japan is moving ENE. From it a trough of low pressure extends SW and W to the Formosa Strait.

Today's Forecast—Moderate Easterly winds, fair.

High 60.68 5.8

Low 38.16 5.6

High 48.53 5.8

Low 28.59 5.6

Shanghai Short Of Ready Money

Shanghai, March 18.
Payroll requirements which jumped more than 100 per cent following announcement on March 15 of the cost of living have left Shanghai in the throes of a money famine.

Government printing presses have been unable to keep pace with China's jet-propelled inflation and as a result banks are short of cash.

Turkish Minister's U.S. Visit

Washington, March 17.
U.S. diplomatic officials said in Washington today that if Turkey's Foreign Minister comes to Washington, they will be glad to discuss with him the formation of a Mediterranean defence pact.

Istanbul reports said that the Foreign Minister, Necmeddin Sadik, will visit Washington soon to discuss a projected Mediterranean agreement.

U.S. officials have no definite information of such a plan but had heard that he might lead a Turkish delegation to the United Nations General Assembly opening at Lake Success in April.

In the early stages of the talk about forming a Mediterranean pact as a supplement to the proposed North Atlantic alliance, the United States appeared non-committal.—Associated Press.

Six Rooms For Local Residents Soon Available

Six rooms will be available for Hong Kong residents possibly before the beginning of next month, it was officially stated yesterday.

Although it was not stated in the Government release yesterday, it is presumed that only residents who have been officially declared to be Hong Kong residents by the Quinquennial Authority will qualify for the available accommodation.

The six rooms are at the Melbourne Apartments, Kimberley Road. The controlled rates for accommodation at the hotel in respect of a Hong Kong resident ranges from HK\$35 to HK\$70 a week.

Hong Kong residents should apply direct to Melbourne Apartments for accommodation, not to the Quinquennial Office, it was officially stated.

TERRORISTS KILLED

Singapore, March 18.
British Royal Artillery troops and police shot dead four Chinese terrorists in the Singapore area of Maur, West, Johore yesterday. Other terrorists fled from a hut into the jungle. The troops found a Dutch and a Japanese rifle and ammunition in the hut.—Routier.

Swatow Revolt Reported

Nanking, March 18.
Unconfirmed press dispatches today reported that a rash of rebellions in South China has spread to the big Kwangtung port of Swatow.

The reports said that provincial troops under General Yu Hing-chi have revolted and arrested government officials in the sea port.

The Central Bank of China branch was reported to have been seized.

Military observers awaited confirmation of the report which has been denied by local Chinese officials in Canton.

Disident elements have long been active in Kwangtung and adjacent provinces. Troops of various types, many of which claim Communist affiliation, are reported to number roughly 70,000.

Communist sources claim that there are now regular Communist columns operating in South China. These include the Kwangtung-Kiangsi-Hunan, the Fukien-Kwangtung-Kiangsi, the Kwangtung-Yunnan-Kweichow border columns and the Hainan Island border column.

Government officials are showing increasing nervousness about the situation in South China. The new activity there comes as Communist preparations for crossing of the Yangtze river are intensifying.

Few Troops

Practically all government strength is massed along the Yangtze river line. There are a few Nationalist troops in South China areas, facing spreading unrest.

Premier Ho Ying-chin, meanwhile, today speeded final selection of his cabinet in the face of a new crisis developing under Communist threat to the Yangtze River line.

The newly appointed premier was reported to have nearly completed the formation of his cabinet. The signs of an impending showdown with the Reds on the question of peace or continued war gave urgency to his efforts.

Determination to secure peace for the Chinese people was expressed today by the Premier, who met Control Yuan members who decided yesterday to give him some advice on how to form his new Cabinet, according to Reuters.

General Ho said that if peace was not obtained, China would be set back 10 or 20 years.

He promised to devote himself to selecting his Ministers and organising a peace Cabinet, but he added that it was very difficult.

Control Yuan members advised the Premier that if he formed a progressive cabinet and worked in the interests of the people and country, both the Control Yuan and Legislative Yuan would support him against the diehards to the bitter end.—Routier and Associated Press.

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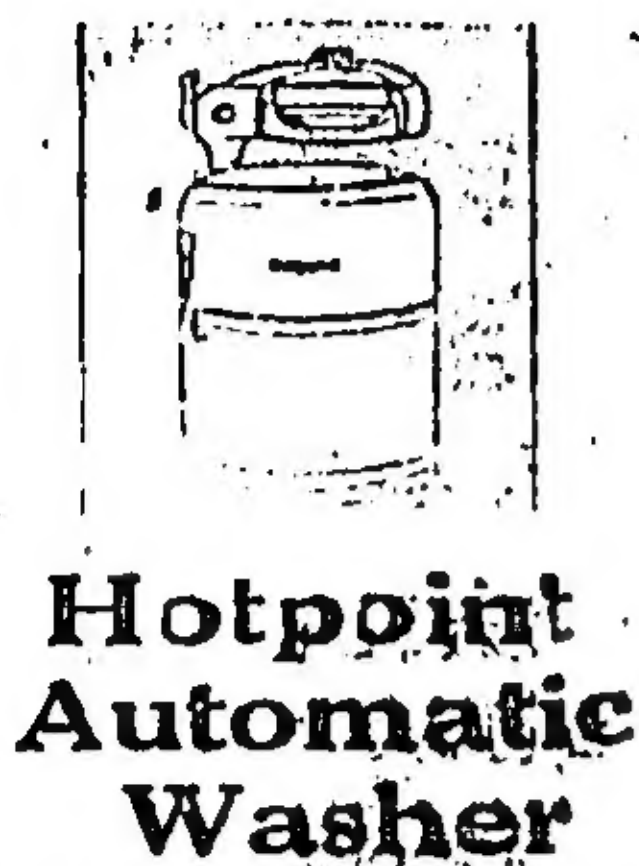


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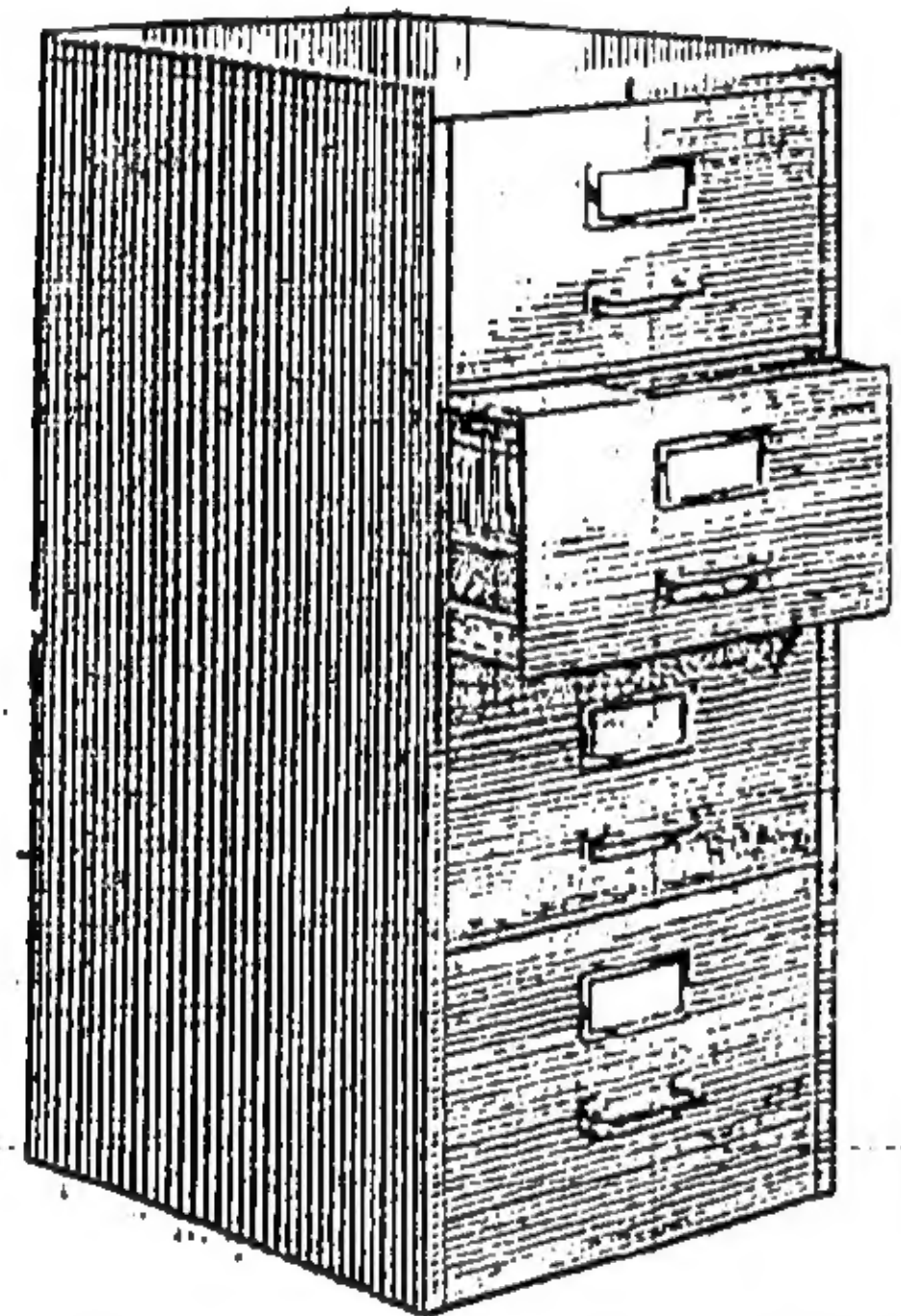
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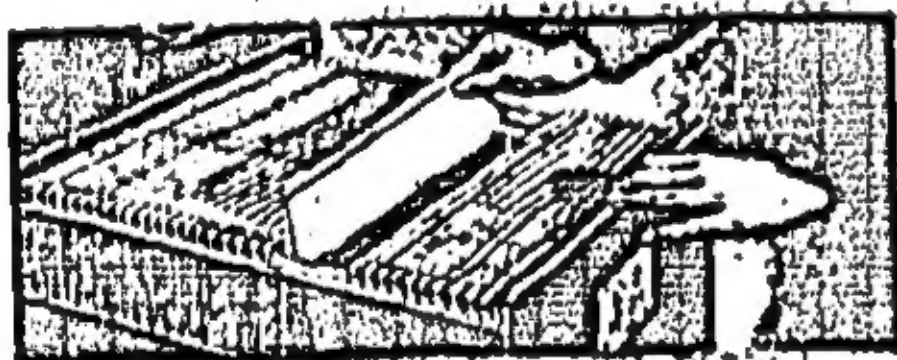


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Regulations For Aliens In Colony

Regulations under the Immigrants Control Ordinance 1949, have been made by the Governor-in-Council to control the movement of aliens in Hong Kong.

The Regulations include a number of schedules and forms giving the rates to be charged for permits, passes, and certificates of residence and identity and the particulars aliens must furnish to the authorities concerned.

The places of detention as far as the Ordinance is concerned are at the Stanley Prison, the Victoria Remand Prison, the Central Police Station, the Eastern and Western Police Stations on the Island and eight police stations in Kowloon and the New Territories.

The Regulations provide that persons under detention shall be treated as persons remanded in custody pending trial.

Fees for permits, passes and certificates of residence and identity follow:

Entry Permit (valid for six months) \$2.00
Frontier Pass (valid for one year) 0.00
Certificate of four years' residence (valid for five years) 0.00
Certificate of 10 years' residence (valid for five years) 2.00
Passport (valid for five years) 10.00

Travel Document (of type applicable to each applicant and valid for journey or period stated therein) 4.00

Renewal of Passport, for each year of renewal 2.00
Endorsement of Passport, otherwise than at the time of issue or renewal 1.20

Transit Visa, normal fee 12.50
Entry Visa, normal fee 12.50
Visas for holders of passports of France, Palestine or Afghanistan No fee

In the case of visas granted to nationals of states which grant to citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies visas at rates not equivalent to the rates prescribed, the fees shall be those applicable in the United Kingdom and shall be converted to Hong Kong Currency at the rate of \$0.80 to one English shilling.

The Immigration Officer may, upon payment of the prescribed fees, issue a passport to British subjects, and upon payment of the prescribed fees issue to any person, for the purposes of any proposed journey to or from the Colony and for his identification upon such journey, a certificate of identity or an emergency certificate.

In any case in which the Immigration Officer in his discretion decides to issue an entry permit, such permit shall be issued free of charge to persons in transit through the Colony and to others on payment of the prescribed fee.

It shall be lawful for the Immigration Officer to issue such permit by stamping a passport or other travel document and to insert therein the period during which such permit shall be valid and any condition which he may lawfully impose.

The Immigration Officer may upon payment of the prescribed fee issue a certificate of identity to alien residents to enable them to prove their identity within the Colony.

The Immigration Officer may upon payment of the prescribed fee issue to any person a frontier pass which shall be sufficient authority within the Colony for such person to cross and re-cross the land frontier of the Colony and the limits of its territorial waters as may be specified in such pass.

The regulations, which are the Immigrants Control Regulations, 1949, shall come into operation on the coming into force of the Immigrants Control Ordinance, 1949.

Dairy Farm Case Ends

The "Dairy Farm Case" was concluded yesterday when Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central found Yiu Ping guilty on a charge of larceny by servant and imposed a fine of \$250 or four months, Yiu Ping who had been previously found guilty was given a similar sentence.

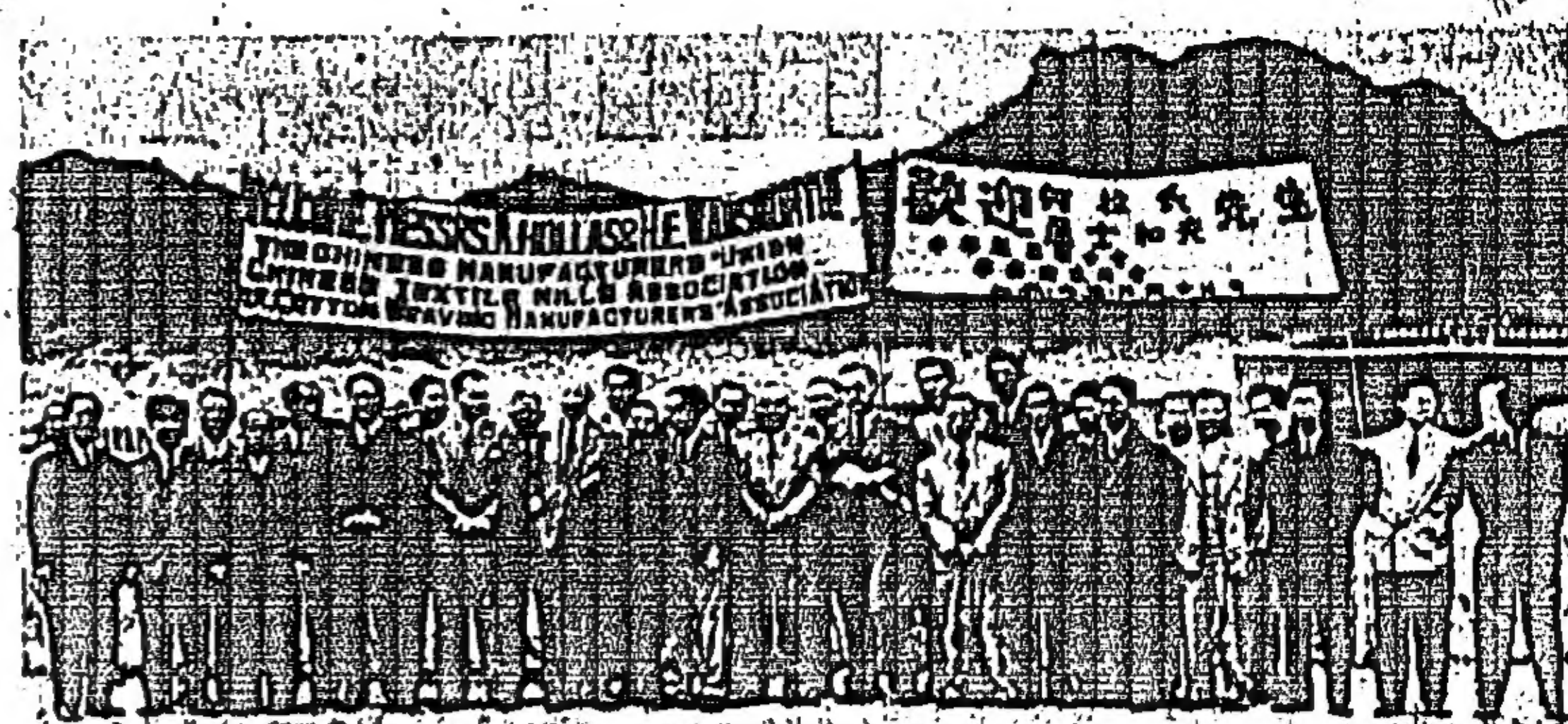
It was alleged that on December 14, the two defendants stole 10 calves of cattle feed from the Dairy Farm Company at Pokfulam. Yiu Ping was additionally charged with unlawful possession of 70 calves of cattle feed at No. 10 Coolie Quarters in Pokfulam. This charge will be tried separately.

Mr. P. A. L. Vine conducted the prosecution while Mr. M. H. da Silva appeared for the second defendant.

CASE ADJOURNED

The case in which Ng May was charged with the possession of two forged health certificates, one for inoculation and the other for vaccination and Mui Wing-kee charged with aiding and abetting, was adjourned to Monday by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Inspector Mackay is conducting the case for the prosecution and Mr. M. A. da Silva is representing the two defendants.



Mr. A. Hollas (front row, sixth from left) and Mr. H. E. Wadsworth (front row, ninth from left) were greeted by members of Hong Kong's textile industries on their arrival at Kai Tak from the United Kingdom yesterday. At the invitation of the Government, they are making a survey of the local textile situation. "China Mail" Photo.

Comment On Colony's Textile Industries

The textile industries of Hong Kong and Lancashire have considerable similarities today, according to Mr. A. Hollas, a director of the Cotton Board of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Hollas, who arrived here yesterday by BOAC plane from the United Kingdom with Mr. H. E. Wadsworth, Executive Secretary of the Board, told the Press that the cotton industry in England was still suffering from the after-effects of war.

"The transfer of labour to other industries during the war has made it difficult," Mr. Hollas said. "The problem is to direct labour back again into pre-war channels."

During the war Lancashire's production suffered a 40 per cent reduction from which it has not yet recovered, he stated. Asked if the recent lifting of the rationing system in the United Kingdom meant a still greater strain on Britain's textile factories, Mr. Hollas replied in the negative.

"Everyone used to feel a moral obligation to spend his coupons," he said.

He expressed a hope that couponless shoppers might buy only for their normal needs.

At present, according to agency reports, British shoppers are on a shopping spree—their first in many a long year.

Mr. Wadsworth said that woollens seemed to be plentiful but that there was still a shortage of cotton.

"The shortage is limited to one or two types of cotton textiles such as shirtings and linings," Mr. Hollas added.

Goodwill Mission

Mr. Hollas described the visit to the Colony as a "goodwill mission". He said they came at the invitation of the Hong Kong Government to survey the local textile industry.

They will offer advice to help boost textile production, reduce costs and improve the quality of goods manufactured here.

During their visit in the Colony Mr. Hollas and Mr. Wadsworth will inspect various spinning, weaving and knitting factories and will discuss conditions with those concerned. They will return to the United Kingdom on April 11.

The two textile experts were met at Kai Tak on their arrival.

Plaintiff Entitled To Rice Share

A declaration that the plaintiff was entitled to receive her late husband's yearly share of 100 piculs of rice from the Wai Sun-tung plantations, New Territories, was made by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) at the Supreme Court yesterday.

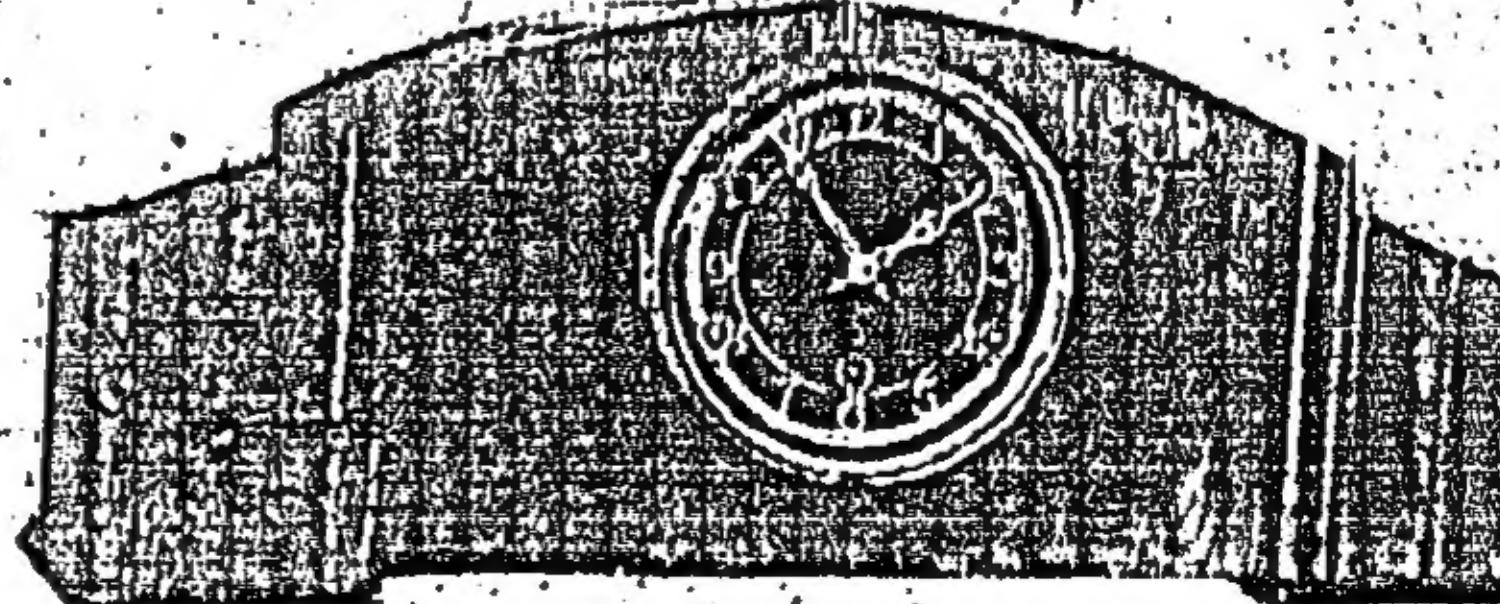
Sir Leslie ruled that she was to receive the share not absolutely as a descendant, but on behalf of the male succession.

This judgment arose out of a claim by Tang Choy-hong, widow of the late Mr. Wai Sun-tung, who claimed part of the estate of the late Wai Sun-tung, who died some 250 years ago, consisting of paddy fields leased to farmers who pay rental in the form of 650 piculs of rice each year.

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Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mrs. W.C. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bachelard, Miss H. Tao, Mrs. Costello, Messrs. A. Brenner, O. Skarland, W.M. Mayers, J. Alford, A.J. Storde, R.S. Ashcraft and R.T.W. Niu.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. S. Robson, Messrs. G.V. Hughes, A.E. Houseman, E.L. Becker, D.H. Wright, G.T. Hurday, R.J. Yates, K.D. Medley, J.L.H. Nelson, G.R. Jenkins, J.H. Maceranth, J. Roux, C. Duff, F.P. Foote, H.M. Boss, U. Ba Han, and R.S. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. D. Boshuquet, Mr. Pepper, Miss Giggson, Dr. Lin Chad, and Mr. N. Spence left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Mrs. M.G. Norcross, Miss A.A. Norcross, Mr. F. Bryth and Mr. J.L. Lorbe left for Bangkok yesterday by BOAC.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Fleury, Messrs. M. Curry, Lan Ngoc, Do Hong, and Tran Van Tiet left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Perle, Messrs. F. Allinger, Shi-Hou Lee and R. Plannelson passed through the Colony yesterday on their way to Saigon by Air France.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C.F. Robertson, Messrs. Park, Jhou-hu Hu left the Colony yesterday for Inchen by the ss. Huiran.

Mr. J.D. Mackie, Assistant Manager of Cable and Wireless, Limited has returned to the Colony from leave. He has assumed charge of the organisation as Mr. F.E. Coole, the manager, has left Hong Kong on leave.

An exhibition of Chinese bronzes, ceramics, and pictures from the collection of Mr. Henry Yung, will be held in the Fung Ping Shan Library, Edinburgh Road, on March 20 and March 27 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Invitation cards may be obtained by writing to the Private Secretary of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Hong Kong.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced. Mr. Alvaro Marín Compa, book-keeper, Hong Kong Electric Company, Limited, of 40 Kimberley Road, and Miss Teresa Marín Baptista, of 45 Cumberland Road, Kowloon. Mr. Ronald Augusto Yung, stenographer, of 16 Hill Road, top floor, and Miss Alice Margarida da Silva, typist, of 11 Hillwood Road, ground floor.

Mr. Li Hui-mou, Shanghai Commissioner of Education, who was recently appointed a member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, left yesterday by Air France for Paris.

Mr. Li said that he would spend one month in Paris before returning to a post in the Far East.

General Chang Chai-long, who is to become Governor of Hunan Province, left here yesterday for Canton and Hainan.

He arrived on Thursday from Nanking, where he conferred with Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

Mr. Louis Beck and Mr. Franklin Gilbert of the Export Department of the Harris-Seybold Company of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived here yesterday.

Mr. Beck and Mr. Gilbert are on their way around the world, making a survey of the printing machinery requirements of their company's customers.

Acknowledgment

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, on behalf of the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society, acknowledges with many thanks the following donations:

Previously acknowledged \$27,057.50: Imperial Chemical Industries \$50; Bank of China, Ltd. \$500; Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. \$25; Lee Yee Lam Insurance \$100; Tung Chungwai \$500; Mr. Lo Man-yuen \$100; Mr. Au Hoon Hui \$200; Mr. Kai Ming \$200; Channel Trading Co. \$100; Mr. Peter Gibson \$250; Bank of East Asia, Ltd. \$2,000; Anonymous (through Mr. Ng Wah) \$100; Wing On Bank Ltd. \$100; Mr. S.W. Lee \$50; Mr. W.B. Wong \$50; Mr. Hwa Tsang, Rayner and Commercial Bank Ltd. \$20; Export Bank of National City Bank \$50; Mr. Kwan Wing \$20; Mr. T.C. Li \$100; Mr. Tso Yin \$50; Kailay and Co. \$100; Mr. Ho Fung-yuen \$20; Mr. Tso Chuen \$100; Mrs. A.L. Longman \$25; Anonymous \$100; Mrs. Leung Fung-chi \$10 = Total HK\$28,767.50.

JUDGMENT GIVEN

Judgment in favour of Joseph Maria d'Almeida, of 30 Chater Road, in the sum of HK\$400, was given by Mr. Justice Reynolds in the Summary Court yesterday.

The claim was against V. V. Macdonnell, Hong Kong Hotel Bar, for money lent on February 3, 1948.

Mr. Remedios informed the Court that Macdonnell came to him on February 3 last year with a hard-luck story, and he lent him the money on his promise to repay within a week. The promise was not fulfilled.

The defendant was not in Court when the case was called.



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Insured Loss Of Godown Blaze

The insured loss in the disastrous Wing On Company godown fire at West Point on September 22 last, amounted to HK\$17,000,000, it was disclosed at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, yesterday. The insurance company's share was described as "not unduly large".

The company's Underwriting Account showed a net premium of HK\$3,488,498 for the year ended December 31, 1938. The net amount at credit of the Profit and Loss Account at the beginning of the year was HK\$494,087.

The Chairman, Mr. D. F. Landale, in his Report to the Shareholders said: "For many years now our Annual Report has been presented in a form which has shown separate Underwriting Accounts for the two preceding years. Apart from the fact that this system is not in keeping with modern practice, we find it most inconvenient when filing Statutory Annual Returns with the Government Authorities in various parts of the world where the Company operates."

"These Authorities require that our Accounts be completed so as to show all the year's transactions in one account."

"The Accounts before you have been prepared on the new basis and as it is the first time that they have been so presented, it is not possible for Shareholders to make any comparison. However, I would mention that had the Accounts been drawn up in the old manner, the balance of Working Account 1937 would have disclosed a figure representing an all-time record."

"I feel a word of explanation is necessary regarding the reconstruction of our Accounts as at December 31, 1938 to provide for first, an Underwriting Account on an annual basis, secondly, the establishment of an Insurance Fund to care for unexpected risks which incorporates a sum of \$1,600,000 as an additional reserve, and thirdly, the re-arrangement of existing free reserves in a more realistic form."

New Method

"I am sure Shareholders will find that the new method of presenting the Accounts is a great improvement on the old and gives a clearer picture of the Company's working. You will observe that we have used the rate of 1/3 instead of 1/2-7/8 for converting Sterling which accounts for certain figures in the Balance Sheet being slightly different from last year's."

"You will be pleased to note the continued increase in earnings from investments. The amount is still far short of pre-war figures but in these days of low interest rates I fear it will be some time yet before we can hope to attain the old level."

"The Surplus to be dealt with at this Meeting is \$1,203,236 and we recommend the payment of a dividend of \$11 a share, free of tax, an increase of \$1 over that declared last year, the Transfer to Reserve for Contingencies of \$400,000 and to carry forward \$343,236."

"Our Reserves continue in a sound position, the only one calling for special mention being the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, which shows a decrease of \$280,898 compared with the figure for last year. This is brought about by the depreciation in the market values of our local investments as at December 31, 1938."

"I trust you will approve the usual grant of a bonus to members of the Staff of 15 per cent on their basic salaries. They have all worked extremely hard and well during the past year."

Two Bad Fires

"The Colony experienced two bad fires last year, one in the Kowloon Godowns on August 23 and the other in the Wing On Godowns on September 22. The latter was quite the worst outbreak. Hong Kong has ever known and the disaster was unfortunately attended by heavy loss of life."

"The insured loss amounted to approximately HK\$17,000,000 but your Company's share was not unduly large."

"I have little comment to make about the future except to say that we are constantly on the lookout for new avenues of expansion that offer hope of a reasonable profit. Insurance, like every other branch of commerce, has its ups and downs and competition is very keen."

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Twenty-one officers and men of the U.S. 5th Air Force Wing passed through the Colony yesterday. They were part of a group returning to Tokyo after six months' service on the Berlin airlift.—"China Mail" Photo.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Gambling

Sir,—With reference to your leading article of March 10 on the vexed question of gambling, I should like to suggest that since it is true to say that the gambling instinct is a natural weakness of the flesh, control of any kind can only be a palliative, and that the solution most likely to be effective is to provide the gamblers with outlets for their instincts which will do the minimum harm, perhaps thereby weaning them away from the more vicious pastimes, where shirts can be most easily and quickly lost.

It seems to me that the example of the football pool provides a suitable answer: every 30 cents bet requires the filling of a new form, which presumably limits physically the amount of money wagered by anyone individually.

B. S.

Those Bungalows

Sir,—Through the medium of your highly-esteemed columns I came to know that the Hong Kong Government is contemplating seriously to erect 25 bungalows of an attractive design at Black's Link, presumably purely for European Civil Servants.

Never before have I taken the opportunity of expressing my humble opinion through the Press, whether pro or con, in any controversy. Since the departure of Sir Mark Young, the Hong Kong Government has been carrying out a series of post-war measures contrary to the wishes of the general public.

The Leighton Hill flats, Government Control of Hotel Rates, the unequal compensation of salaries between local and European Civil Servants for the Occupation period (three years and eight months) are just a few typical examples that have aroused a storm of criticism and indignation from even the most unbiassed and most uninterested thinking minds.

Whatever was expressed by "Simple Simon" and "Blister Joe" regarding the contemplated new bungalows at Black's Link will undoubtedly waken the public to the fact that the Hong Kong Government has taken everything into their iron hands and will do whatever they please irrespective of public opinion.

The undersigned certainly does not oppose to any good intention of the Government to launch upon a large-scale house-construction programme in order to alleviate the present housing shortage, provided it is "tackled for the benefit of all bona fide citizens in need of accommodation" and not for that of the "vested interests" and "privileged few."

It is high time that the Undeclared in the Legislative Council should be in a position to act effectively and collectively as true representatives against any Government measures which are detrimental to the public interest and which will surely fall in the long run to command a few good words from the people for whom and by whom they are elected.

ECHO.

Traffic Conditions

Sir,—The traffic accident at the junction of Tin Lok Lane and Hennessy Road on Thursday night should serve to remind our Traffic Department that it is time they took more interest in traffic conditions beyond the limits of the Gloucester Hotel and Post Office area.



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Wedding At St. John's Cathedral

Miss Margrethe Burhol and Mr. Henning Gadeberg were married yesterday afternoon at St. John's Cathedral.

The Reverend E. Kvan presided.

The bride was given away by Mr. S. Storm Jorgensen. Mr. O. Andreassen was best man.

The bride wore a long gown of white silk. Her veil was of lace. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli.

A reception was held afterward at the home of Mr. Jorgensen. Mr. and Mrs. Gadeberg are honeymooning at Repulse Bay.

Both are Danish. Mrs. Gadeberg arrived here from Copenhagen a short time before the wedding.

B. & S. CLAIM \$1,116 FROM TRADER

Butterfield & Swire were the complainants in a case before Mr. Justice Reynolds sitting in summary jurisdiction yesterday.

They claimed the sum of HK\$1,116.72 from H.S. Bannerjee trading as India Pacific Traders, 33, Wanchai Road, 2nd floor, being outstanding insurance premium owing to complainants.

Mr. D.B. Evans, representing Butterfield & Swire, informed the Court that a letter was received from defendant subsequent to the issue of the writ, admitting liability and offering to pay, by monthly instalments of HK\$50 each.

Complainants had replied agreeing to this settlement and requesting defendants to consent to judgment in Court.

Judgment was given in favour of complainants with costs.

Defendant was not present when the case was called.

DOUBLE DECKER BUSES ALRIGHT

Mr. H. S. T. Louey, Manager of the Kowloon Bus Company, yesterday denied a report that the dimensions of his company's double-decker buses have to be readjusted.

The report had stated that the buses have to be rebuilt because they have been found to be six inches longer than the prescribed length.

Mr. Louey, admitted that there had been some delay in assembling the bodies of the buses.

Work is however, proceeding satisfactorily.

One of the buses is being used to train drivers.

Mr. Louey said that the double-deckers will be on the road very soon.

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Hong Kong To Have Own Band

For the first time in its history Hong Kong will be having its own band which it can call its own, when the Police Band, for which provision has been made in the 1940/50 Budget, comes into being.

Mr. D. W. Macintosh, the Commissioner of Police, originator of the idea, told the "China Mail" yesterday that so far nothing is definite until the Legislature approves the financial appropriation without which nothing can be done.

When legislative sanction is given the first thing that will be done will be to order the instruments and engage a bandmaster from England. The band will probably comprise of 30 to 35 instruments.

"When personnel have to be trained up," said Mr. Macintosh, "but I do not expect much difficulty in this direction because we already have some good material in the Force that we can use. In the Police Reserve, for instance, we have a good nucleus for band personnel."

Mr. Macintosh said the band will be a band of the Colony in every sense of the word. Its personnel will be police personnel, but it will play not only at police functions but also at all public functions where a band is required.

But beyond performing at such functions, the Police Band will have a much bigger role to play. As Hong Kong's own band, it will play for public entertainment.

"The public is going to be given a treat, and it is our intention to have the band play three times a week in public, weather permitting," said Mr. Macintosh.

"Once a week at the Southern Playland and the Botanical Gardens on the island, and at the Macpherson Playground on the mainland is what we plan. There will, of course, be no charge to the public."

Mr. Macintosh added that for a force of the size of the Hong Kong Police, it is not asking too much, especially when its main function will be for public entertainment.

Singapore had a police band before the war. It has since been revived, though not yet back to pre-war level.

NIGHT LANDING TEST AT KAI TAK

The first night landing test was carried out last night at Kai Tak airfield.

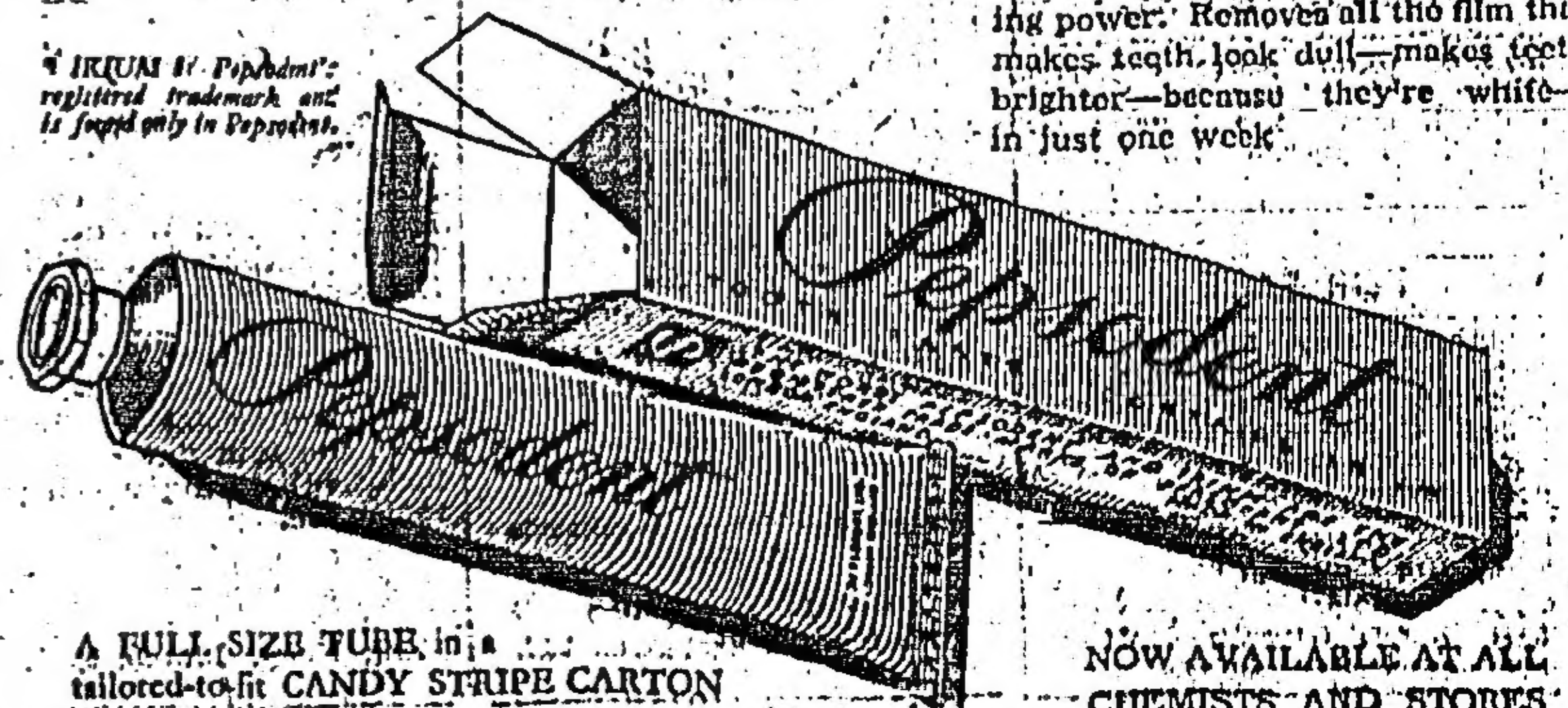
The test was carried out by an RAF plane which, after taking off, circled the Colony for a number of times and made a normal landing with the aid of the newly-installed airfield lights.



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SALE OF CROWN LAND

Two auction sales of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1949, at 3 p.m.

The areas which comprise 10,000 and 15,000 square feet are situated at Deep Water Bay, and are suitable for residential purposes.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette 18.3.1949 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

V. KENNIFF, Director of Public Works. March 15, 1949.

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NOTICE
GOVERNMENT STORES
DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for maling and supplying Summer Uniforms for District Watch Force, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs" will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, April 1, 1949.

Forms of Tender, Specification and further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Controller of Stores, Government Stores Department, Electric Road, North Point.

J. HARGREAVES, Acting Controller of Stores.

March 10, 1949.

GOVERNMENT STORES
DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the Purchase of Silica Sand" will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, 1st April, 1949.

Forms of Tender, Specification and further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Controller of Stores, (Sand Monopoly) Government Stores Department, Electric Road, North Point.

J. HARGREAVES, Acting Controller of Stores. March 15, 1949.

HONG KONG
UNIVERSITY

An Exhibition of Chinese Bronzes, Ceramics, and Pictures, from the collection of Mr. Henry Yueng will be held in the Fung Ping Shan Library of the University, Bonham Road, on Saturday, March 26th, and Sunday, March 27th, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Invitation cards may be obtained by writing to the Private Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Hong Kong.

D. J. SLOSS, Vice-Chancellor.

March 18, 1949.

NOTICE

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB
COLONY LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Semi-Finals and Finals will be played, weather permitting, on the following days:

SINGLES: Tuesday March 22nd K. H. Ip v. Tui Yun Pui
Wednesday " 23rd Roch Leung v. Tui Wai Pui
Friday " 25th Final

DOUBLES: Monday March 28th KwokHing Chung & v. Tui Brothers
Tuesday " 29th Lee Wai Tong & v. Lee Boon Sing
Wednesday " 30th K. H. Ip & T. T. Chen

Play will commence at 4.30 p.m. sharp each day.

Entrance fees to the Court of \$3.00 per head will be charged for the Semi-Finals and \$5.00 per head for the Finals. Limited standing space at \$1.00 per head.

The following Charities will benefit from the proceeds:
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Children's Playgrounds Association
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Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the company will be held at the Head Office of the company, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1949 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1948 and for the appointment of Directors and Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 15th day of March to 23rd March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By order of the Board,
D. S. YUAN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, March 9, 1949.

HONG KONG OXFORD
AND CAMBRIDGE
SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner of the above Society is to be held in the Hong Kong Club at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday, 26th March, 1949.

The officers of the Society are:

His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham, K.C.M.G.—President

G. T. Rowe, Esq. (Oxon)
R. H. Hughes, Esq. (Cantab)

Hon. Secretaries.

H. S. Mok, Esq.—Hon. Treasurer.

Membership is open to men whose names have been at any time on the roll of any college at either University.

Will those wishing to attend the dinner please send their names to either of the Secretaries at the Colonial Secretariat Building, Lower Albert Road, as soon as possible before 22nd March, 1949.

Further details and tickets will be sent to individuals.

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Saturday, March 19th, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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NATURALIZATION
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that MICHAEL BASIL ANTONOFF of Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

HONG KONG STAGE
CLUB

"Twelfth Night" will be presented on April 29, 29 and 30 in the China Fleet Club, and NOT as previously announced on April 21, 22 and 23.

OFFICIAL NOTICE
PROPOSAL TO CHANGE
A SHIP'S NAME

We, HONG KONG TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, LIMITED, Marina House, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of maintaining company nomenclature we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Motor Tug "FLOUNDER" of Philippine Registry, Gross tonnage 94.13 tons, Register tonnage 25.00 tons, heretofore owned by the Foreign Liquidation Commission and also by Luzon Stevedoring Company Inc., of Manila for permission to change her name to HKT "FLOUNDER" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by the Hong Kong Transportation Company, Limited, Marina House, Hong Kong.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong, the 7th day of March, 1949.

THE HONG KONG TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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There will be rooms available on or before April 1, 1949 for the accommodation of Hong Kong residents in the following hotel:

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A. ST. G. WALTON, Quinquering Authority.

March 18, 1949.

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POST OFFICE
MAIL NOTICEOutward Mails
OUTWARD AIRMAIL SCHEDULE
TO UNITED KINGDOM

Commencing from Monday, March 11, 1949, the Outward Airmail to United Kingdom will be closed on Mondays and Thursdays at Kowloon GPO 4.30 p.m. and Hong Kong GPO 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

With effect from March 9, 1949, all correspondence intended to be forwarded "by air to London only" and then by surface mail to destination, must be superseded "By Air to London only". (In future it will not be sufficient to merely supersede such correspondence "via London".)

Airmail Service to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.50 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 1.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 2.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow and Tientsin: Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 p.m., (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.

Airmail for Tientsin: Airmail for Kowloon and Calcutta, (Reg.) 9 p.m., (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Shanghai, 9 a.m.

Japan, 10 a.m.

Amoy, 10 a.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel Post for Canada, (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.

San Francisco and Hawaii, 3 p.m.

Japan, 3 p.m.

Strait, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.50 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 2 p.m., 10 p.m., 9 a.m., 10 p.m.

Airmail for Nanking and Tientsin: Airmail for Fuzhou: Airmail for Tientsin, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 10 p.m., 9 a.m., 10 p.m.

Airmail for Kunming and Chungking, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 10 p.m., 9 a.m., 10 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 10 p.m., 9 a.m., 10 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Reg.) 5 p.m., 10 p.m., 9 a.m., 10 p.m.

Airmail for Hongkong and Hanoi, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 10 p.m., 9 a.m., 10 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Swatow, 10 a.m.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"For your information, Miss Dimwit, Diana was the goddess of hunting—not of childish pranks!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

HOW TO FIGURE IT OUT DETERMINING the better of two ways to play a particular combination of cards in a suit depends upon considering all the ways the opponents' holdings may be composed. Next banish from your mind the arrangements which produce the same result regardless of which court you pursue. Weigh then the lineup one line of play and those that produce it under the other plan. Ordinarily the method which pays with the larger number of these possible arrangements in the opponents' hands is the one to be selected.

Q J 10 9 8 4
H 5 4
D K Q 7 2
C 7
S 8 5
Q J 10 5
4 3
S 8 5 3 2

SA
H K J 10 9 7 6 3
DA
CA K Q 4
(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable).

West North East
1 H Pass 2 S Pass
2 H Pass 3 S Pass
3 H Pass 4 C Pass
4 H Pass 5 H Pass
5 H Pass 6 H Pass

West leads the diamond J and then develops the problem clearly explained in Florence Osborn's Whistley House book, "How's Your Bridge Game?" which bridge players all over are now getting for their own and friends' Christmas gifts. The sole problem in the trump suit, as the club 4 may be ruffed for an entry to dummy. As dummy's last trump is led, there is no problem if East puts up the A, but

if he plays low, South must decide whether to play the K or the J.
The answer is not a guess, but a straight matter of probability. After East plays low, the A, Q and 8 are still out. They may be divided eight ways, with West holding A-Q-8, A-Q, A-8, Q-8, A, Q, 8 or none. Note how the decision fits each of those. With five of them you are doomed to lose tricks and be one-down, no matter what you do. That leaves three.

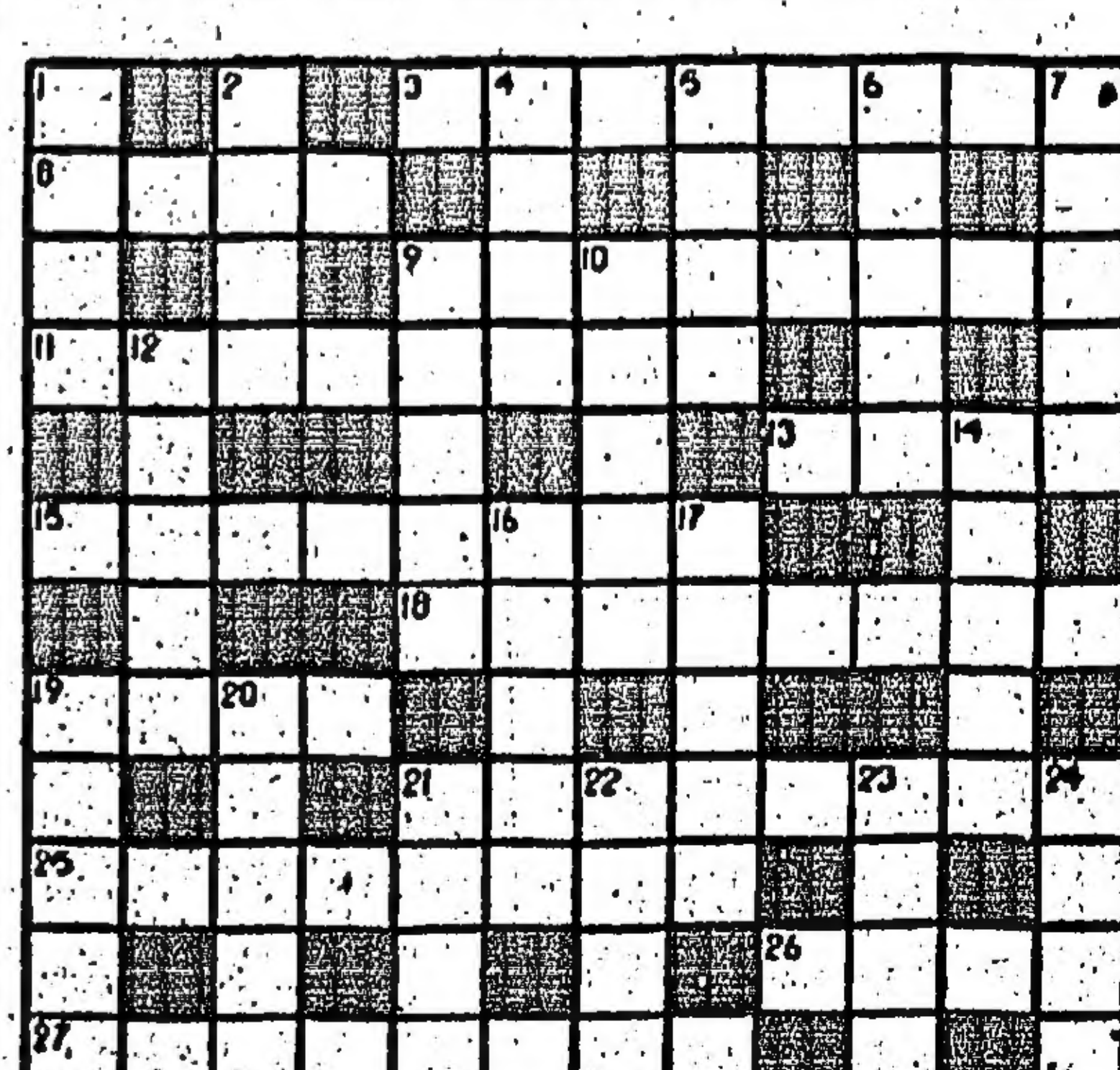
Mrs. Osborne states the case succinctly, thus: "South sees that only three adverse heart distributions will enable him to make his claim in any case—ace-small in West, queen-small in West, queen-singleton in West. 'The play of the jack will win in the first instance, but the king play will win in the last two instances. Therefore, putting the king on East's low heart gives South a two-to-one chance of success. He plays the king, catching West's singleton queen, and now he loses only to East's trump ace, making six.'"

Tomorrow's Problem
S A 10 8 5 2
H Q 9
D A 8 6
C A Q
S 6 3
H A J 8 7
2
D K 7
C K J 8

S 6 3
H K 10 5 4
D 9 4 3 2
C 3 2
S K Q 9
H None
D Q J 10 5
C 10 9 7 8 5 4

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
What two kinds of playing plans should North consider after the heart 4 is led against his 4-Spades?

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Across

3 Impulses. 10 Scope.
5 Devastation. 11 Final.
9 Disturbed. 21 Pigs' feet.
11 Voice. 23 Burlesque.
13 Spoon. 20 Sage.
15 Drove back. 27 Connection.

Yesterday's Crossword

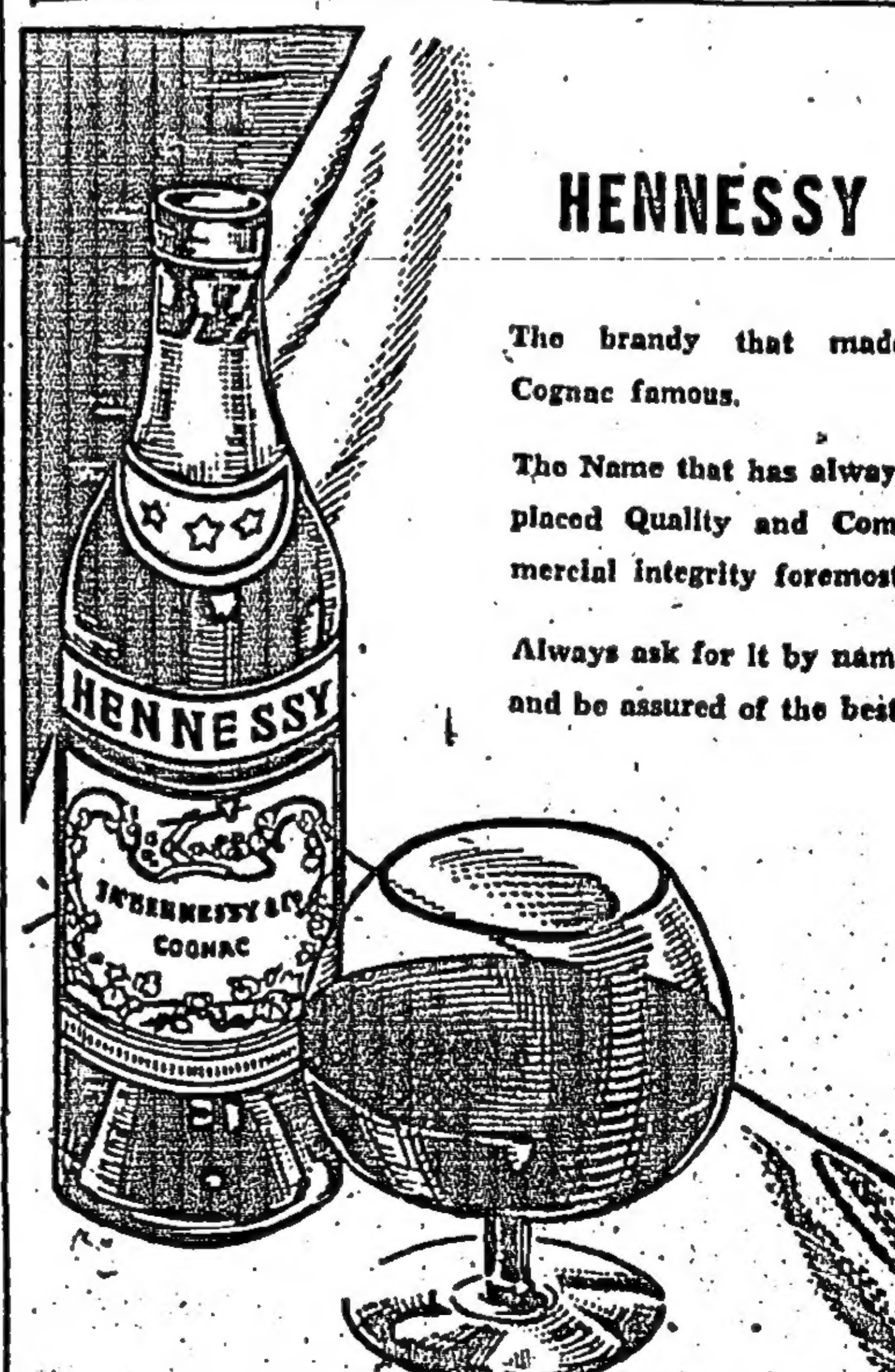
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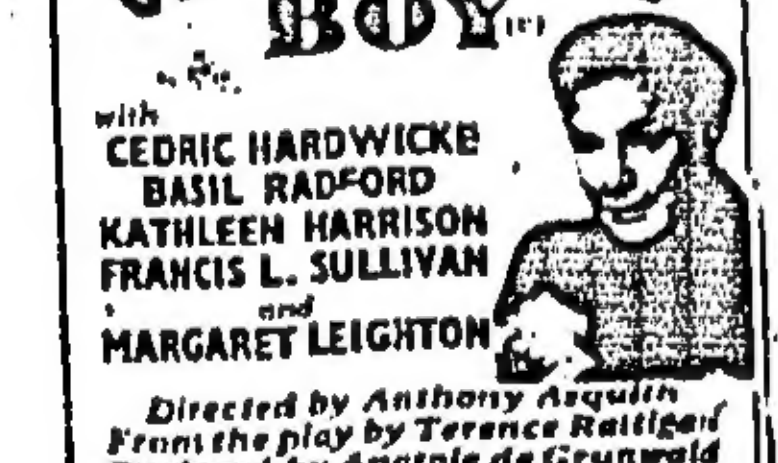
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UPROAR IN ITALY
Gasperi Cabinet Under Fire

Rome, March 17.

Police tonight charged Communist demonstrators marching towards the Chamber of Deputies. Some people were slightly hurt.

This latest clash followed a stormy day in which Italian Members of Parliament had fought, kicked and screamed for several minutes in the Chamber.

Tonight the police closed the area around the Chamber and when the Communist demonstrators appeared, jeeps, packed with steel-helmeted police, charged the crowd with howling sirens.

In the Chamber, after 26 hours of non-stop debate, deputies of all parties tonight sat back wearily in their red leather seats and prepared to face another night of filibustering against the Atlantic Pact.

At 5.00 p.m., more than 70 Communists and Socialist speakers, each with 10 minutes at his disposal, remained on the speakers' list. Four attempts by left wing deputies to halt the session for a brief period of repose had been defeated.

Outside, in the setting Spring sun, squads of steel-helmeted armed police took up positions round the Chamber to prevent any mass demonstration by Communists, who organised one-hour strikes in Rome factories this evening.

Fight On Floor

Inside, Communist deputies shouted at the Government that Parliament was surrounded by armed forces and seemed in a state of siege.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
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9.35 p.m.—Chopin: Music from the Film "A Song to Remember".
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Brief. (London Relay)
10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.15 p.m.—"Cahare" and Dance Music.
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Listeners Get Some Discords

London, March 17.

Stuttgart Radio, in the United States Zone of Germany, tonight surprised listeners with a programme of loud and discordant records.

Then the announcer said: "Do you like this kind of music? No? Neither do we. But we have to play it because of those of you who have failed to pay for the radio licence. If they would pay we could play good music—the classics you like." —Reuter.

BRITISH ATTITUDE ON SPAIN

London, March 17.

Britain's attitude towards Spain remains as stated in the House of Commons on February 2, 1940, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He was replying to questions about a press report that the Western powers might possibly decide to send back their Ambassadors to Spain, thereby revoking one part of the 1940 United Nations resolution on General Franco's Government.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the House of Commons on February 2 on the question of the return of Ambassadors to Madrid, said: "I am not prepared to commit the Government to opposing a move to annul this part of the United Nations resolution if it comes up again."

Mr. Mayhew also said that the British Government are not prepared to support an application for Spain's admission to the United Nations. —Reuter.

Petrol Drought In Rhodesia

Salisbury, Rhodesia, March 17.

Imports will be halted for 10 days, tourists stranded and economic life threatened with temporary disruption by an acute petrol shortage in Southern Rhodesia.

Petrol is banned to all except doctors, food suppliers and other essential services during the "drought," due to a storm near Beira, the port of entry for Southern Rhodesia, having washed away 20 miles of railway line over the Fungwe flats in Portuguese East Africa.

Petrol stocks in Bulawayo will last only four days more. The South African Government has been asked to help by sending supplies from Durban. —Reuter.

'END OF WORLD' STORY BRINGS MINOR PANIC

Frankfurt, March 17.

A minor panic gripped rural areas of Western Germany today over rumours of the end of the world.

Rumours that today was the last day for mankind had been growing throughout Germany for several weeks. They were based upon a publicised prediction of an astrologer whom nobody could identify.

Most city dwellers went gaily and sceptically about their work as March 17 dawned blue and bright. But reports from Bavaria said that superstitious country folk were flocking to churches and making their wills.

In the Bayrische Wald, a furious blizzard last night cut electric power cables and caused considerable excitement, reports from Passau said.

The reports said that altars were put up in homes and that churches were jammed with people who prayed for hours and refused to be calmed by priests.

The official weather station at Riez near Passau said it had received many calls from frightened folk asking the exact hour of the expected catastrophe.

Nervous Women

Frankfurt weather Station said it had received dozens of calls, mostly from farmers. The Geophysical Institute of Frankfurt University said it had been called by persons asking if an earthquake was expected.

In Nuremberg, a rumour circulated that today would bring the outbreak of a new world war but not the end of the world.

Reports said that wives there refused to let their husbands leave them this morning.

Church leaders and scientists labelled all the excitement as "nonsense."

In a Frankfurt café, a portly German bartender commented: "The beer is flowing as usual and as long as this beer flows the world is O.K." —Associated Press.

SULTAN HELD BY DUTCH

Singapore, March 17.

The Sultan of Jogjakarta is still being held by the Dutch under house arrest in Jogjakarta, the Indonesian Republican office said in Singapore today.

It circulated a statement by the Sultan, said to have been smuggled out of Indonesia.

In the statement the Sultan branded as a lie Dutch newspaper reports that he co-operated with the Dutch.

Indonesian representatives said that the Dutch have not given up trying to persuade the Sultan to co-operate with them.

With the Sultan on their side, the Dutch would hope to get the co-operation of entire Central Java.

"I have laid down the office of the head of the Jogjakarta area because I cannot approve the Dutch action towards our Republic," the Sultan's reported statement said.

"I cannot work to safeguard the peace and welfare of the people of Jogjakarta because of economic disorders" resulting from the Dutch action. I am prepared to face any action the Dutch will use toward me, but it is for the Dutch to understand that my attitude is the result of their actions. —Associated Press.

VETERAN FILM ACTOR DEAD

Hollywood, March 17. The London-born character actor, Mr. Leyland Hodgson, died here yesterday of a heart attack. He was 58 years of age.

Mr. Hodgson toured Australia and India in a musical comedy, and entered the films here in 1930. —United Press.

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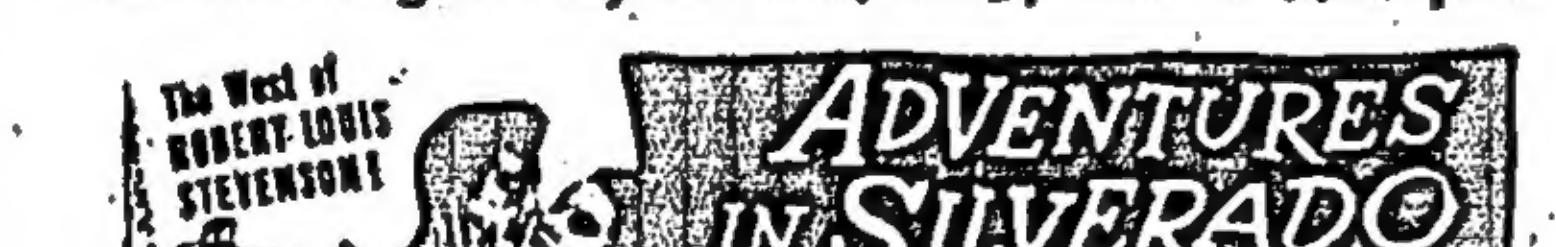
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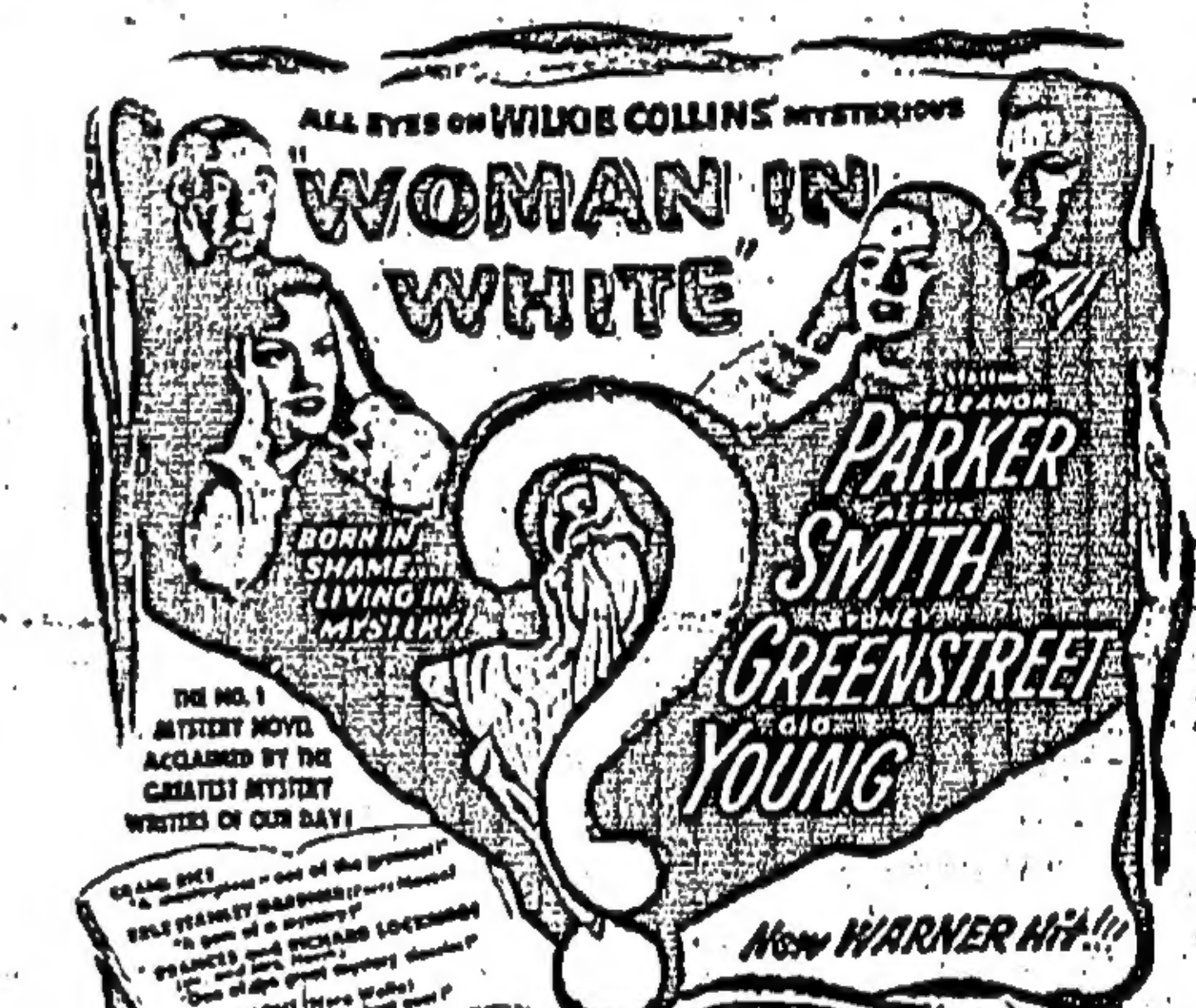


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The Dakar Episode Closes By Winston Churchill

Our expedition and its powerful escort was by now itself South of Dakar approaching Freetown. At 12.15 a.m. on September 14 the Admiralty signalled to Admiral John Cunningham telling him that the French cruisers had left Casablanca at a time unknown and ordering him to prevent them entering Dakar. The cruisers Devonshire, Australia and Cumberland and the Ark Royal thereupon turned back at maximum speed to establish a patrol-line to the North of Dakar. They did not reach their stations until 6 p.m. on September 14. The French squadron was already anchored in the port with awnings spread.

This chapter of accidents sealed the fate of the Anglo-French expedition to Dakar. I had no doubt whatever that the enterprise should be abandoned.

The War Cabinet sent orders to the Dakar force on September 16, 1940, stating that the arrival of the French force rendered the execution of the operation impracticable. The British portion of the force was to remain at Freetown and the Free French were to be diverted to a landing in the Cameroons, unless General de Gaulle had any strong objections.

The expedition arrived at Freetown on September 17. All the leaders reacted vehemently against the idea of abandoning the enterprise. The Admiralty and the General argued that until it was known to what extent the arrival of the Vichy cruisers had raised local morale, their presence did not materially alter the previous naval situation. At present, they said, the cruisers had awnings spread and two were so berthed as to be virtually impotent and presenting excellent bombing targets.

Here was another twist in the situation. It was very rare at this stage of the war for commanders on the spot to press for audacious courses. Usually the pressure to run risks came from home. In this case the General, General Irwin, had carefully put off his misgivings on paper before he started. I was therefore agreeably surprised at the evident seal to this complicated and perilous political operation to the test. If the men on the spot thought it was a time to do and dare, we should certainly give them a free hand. I therefore sent at 11.52 p.m. on September 16 the following:

At Liberty

You are fully at liberty to consider the whole situation yourselves and consult de Gaulle, and we shall carefully consider any advice you may give. There soon arrived a vehement protest from General de Gaulle, who wished to carry out the plan. At the very least (he said) should the British Government uphold its new and negative decision concerning direct action upon Dakar by sea, I request immediate co-operation of British naval and air forces here present to support and cover an operation which I personally shall conduct with my own troops against Dakar from the interior.

The War Cabinet met for the second time on the 17th at 9 p.m. Everyone was agreed to let the commanders go ahead as they wished. Final decision was postponed till noon the next day, it being plain that no time was being lost as there was still nearly a week before the blow could be struck. At the request of the Cabinet, I drafted the following message to the commanders of the Dakar force:

We cannot judge relative advantages of alternative schemes from here. We give you full authority to go ahead and do what you think is best in order to give effect to the original purpose of the expedition. Keep us informed.

In Silence

This was dispatched at 1.20 p.m. on September 18. There was nothing to do now but await results. On the 18th the First Sea Lord reported that the French squadron

or parts of it were leaving Dakar for the South. This made it pretty clear that it had carried Vichy-minded troops, technicians and authorities to Dakar. The probability of a vigorous resistance was increased out of all proportion to the new forces involved. There would certainly be sharp fighting. My colleagues, who were tough, and also nimble to change with circumstances, as is right in war, shared my instinct to let things rip, and the various reports were heard in silence.

On the 20th Admiral Pound told us that the three French warships sighted by the Australia (South of Dakar) turned out to be the cruisers Georges Leygues, Jean Bart and Clémenceau. On the 19th the Cumberland and they continued to shadow the Vichy ships till evening. These now turned to the Northward and increased their speed from 15 to 31 knots. A chase ensued. We were not able to overtake them.

At 9 p.m., however, the Gloucester had an engine breakdown and could steam no more than 15 knots. Her captain agreed to return to Casablanca escorted by the Australia. This pair were due to pass Dakar about midnight, and the captain of the Australia told the Gloucester that if he were attacked by submarines he would at once sink her. She no doubt spoke to Dakar, and all passed off pleasantly. The Cumberland, shadowing the other two Vichy warships, lost touch in a heavy rainstorm, and both, though sighted, got back into Dakar without fire being made up on them.

Fog Reigned

It is not necessary here to narrate in detail all that happened during the three days in which Dakar was attacked. The weather was a factor in military chronicles and a further good example of luck. The meteorologists at the Air Ministry had of course carefully studied climatic conditions on the West African coast. A long survey of records reveals uniform regular bright sunlight and clear weather at this season of the year. On September 23, when the Anglo-French armada approached the fortress with de Gaulle and his French ships well in the van, fog reigned supreme.

We had hoped, since the great majority of the population, French and native, was on our side, that the appearance of all these ships with the British flying far back on the horizon would have decided the action at the Governor. It soon proved, however, that the Vichy partisans were masters, and there can be no doubt that the arrival of the Vichy cruisers with their troops had blotted out any hope of Dakar joining the Free French movement. De Gaulle's two aeroplanes landed on the local airfield, and their pilots were immediately arrested. One of them had in his person a list of the leading Free French adherents. De Gaulle's emissaries, sent under the tricolour and the white flag, were rebuffed, and others who entered later in launches were fired upon and two of them wounded.

All hearts were hardened, and the British Fleet approached through the mist to within 5,000 yards. At 10 a.m. a harbour battery opened fire on one of our wing destroyers. The fire was returned, and the engagement soon became general. The destroyers Inglefield and Foresight were slightly damaged, and the Cumberland was struck in the engine room and had to quit. On the French submarine was bombed by an aircraft at periscope depth, and one French destroyer set on fire.

Ships Retired

There is an age-long argument about ships versus forts. Nelson said that a six-gun battery could fight a 100-gun ship off the line. Mr. Balfour, in the Dardanelles inquiry, said in 1916, "If the ship has guns which can hit the fort at range where the fort cannot reply, the duel is not necessarily so unequal." On this occasion the British Fleet with proper spotting, could in theory engage and after a certain number of rounds des-

troy the Dakar batteries of 9.4 in guns at 27,000 yards. But the Vichy forces had at this time also the battleship Richelieu, which proved capable of firing two-gun salvos from 15 in artillery. This had to be taken into account by the British Admiral. Above all, there was the fog. The firing therefore died away at about 11.30, and all British and Free French ships retired.

In the afternoon General de Gaulle tried to land his troops at Rufisque, but the fog and the confusion had now become so dense that the attempt was abandoned. By 4.30 p.m. the commanders decided to withdraw the troops and resume the operation next day. The signal with this information reached London at 7.19 p.m. and I thereupon sent the following personal message to the commanders: "Having begun, we must go on to the end. Stop at nothing."

An ultimatum was sent that night to the Governor of Dakar, which was made that he would defend the fortress to the last. The commanders answered that they intended continuing the operation. Visibility [when action was resumed on September 24] was better than on the previous day, but still poor.

The Passions

The bombardment ended at about 10 o'clock, by which time Richelieu had been hit by a 15 in. shell, as also had the Jean Bart, and a light cruiser was on fire. Moreover, one enemy submarine which had tried to interfere with our approach had been forced to the surface by a depth charge, the crew surrendering. None of our ships was hit. In the afternoon the bombardment was renewed for a short time.

On September 25 the action was resumed. The weather was clear and our fleet bombarded at 21,000 yards range, when they were replied to, not only by the very accurate coastal batteries but by double salvos from the 15 in. guns of the Richelieu. A smoke screen used by the Dakar command baffled our aim. Soon after 3 a.m. the battleship Resolution was hit by a torpedo from a Vichy submarine. After this the Admiral decided to withdraw to seaward. In view of the condition of the Resolution, the continued danger from submarines, and the great accuracy and determination of the shore defences.

Meanwhile the Defence Committee, which met at 10 a.m. without me, had formed the opinion that no pressure should be brought to bear on the commanders to take any action against their better judgment. The Cabinet met at 11.30 a.m. and news of the results of the morning's operations reached us during the meeting. On these tidings it seemed clear that the matter had been pressed as far as allowed. Several good ships had been severely damaged. It was obvious that Dakar would be defended to the death. No one could be sure that if the passions fierce fighting existed continued, we should not have a French Declaration of War from Vichy. We therefore, after a painful discussion, were all agreed to push no more.

Our Reply

Accordingly I sent the following telegram (1.27 p.m., September 25) to the commanders: "On all the information now before us, including damage to Resolution, we have decided that the enterprise against Dakar should be abandoned, the obvious consequences being faced. Unless something has happened which we do not know, which makes you wish to attempt landing in force, you should forthwith break off. You should inform us 'Most immediately' whether you concur, but unless the position has entirely changed in our favour, you should not actually begin landing. Will you receive our reply." The commanders made the following reply: "Concur in breaking off."

In the three days' bombardment no British ships were sunk, but the battleship Resolution was dis-

abled for several months, and two destroyers sustained damage which required considerable repairs in home dockyards. Two French submarines were sunk, the crew of one being saved; two destroyers were burnt out and beached; and the battleship Richelieu was hit by two 15 in. shells and damaged, by two near misses of 230 lb bombs. There was, of course, no means of repairing this formidable vessel, which had already been rendered temporarily immobile in July, and it could now be definitely dismissed as a hostile factor from our calculations.

No blame attached to the British naval and military commanders, and both were constantly employed at Dakar of the war, the Admiral attaining the highest distinction. It was one of my rules that errors towards the enemy must be lightly judged. Of General de Gaulle I said in the House of Commons that his conduct and bearing on this occasion had made my confidence in him greater than ever.

The story of the Dakar episode deserves close study, because it illustrates in a high degree not only the unforeseeable accidents of war but the interplay of military and political forces, and the difficulties of combined operations, especially where Allies are involved. To the world at large it seemed a glaring example of miscalculation, confusion, timidity and muddle. In the United States, where special interest was taken on account of the proximity of France to the American continent, there was a storm of unfavourable criticism. The Australian Government was distressed. At home there were many complaints of faulty war direction. I decided, however, that no explanations should be offered, and Parliament respected my wish.

Feeling of Unity

In spite of the Armistice and the ending of our diplomatic relations with Vichy, I never ceased to feel a unity with France. People who have not been subjected to the personal stresses which fell upon prominent Frenchmen in the awful ruin of their country should be careful in their judgments of individuals. It is beyond the scope of this story to enter the maze of French politics. But I felt sure that the French nation would do its best for the common cause according to the facts presented to it. When they were told that their only salvation lay in following the advice of the illustrious Marshal Pétain, and that England, which had given them so little help, would soon be conquered or give in, very little choice was offered to the masses. But I was sure they wanted us to win, and that nothing would give them more joy than to see us continue the struggle with vigour.

It was our first duty to give loyal support to General de Gaulle in his valiant constancy. On August 7 I signed a military agreement with him which dealt with practical needs. His stirring addresses were made known to France and the world by the British broadcast. The sentence of death which the Pétain Government passed upon him glorified his name. We did everything in our power to aid him and magnify his movement.

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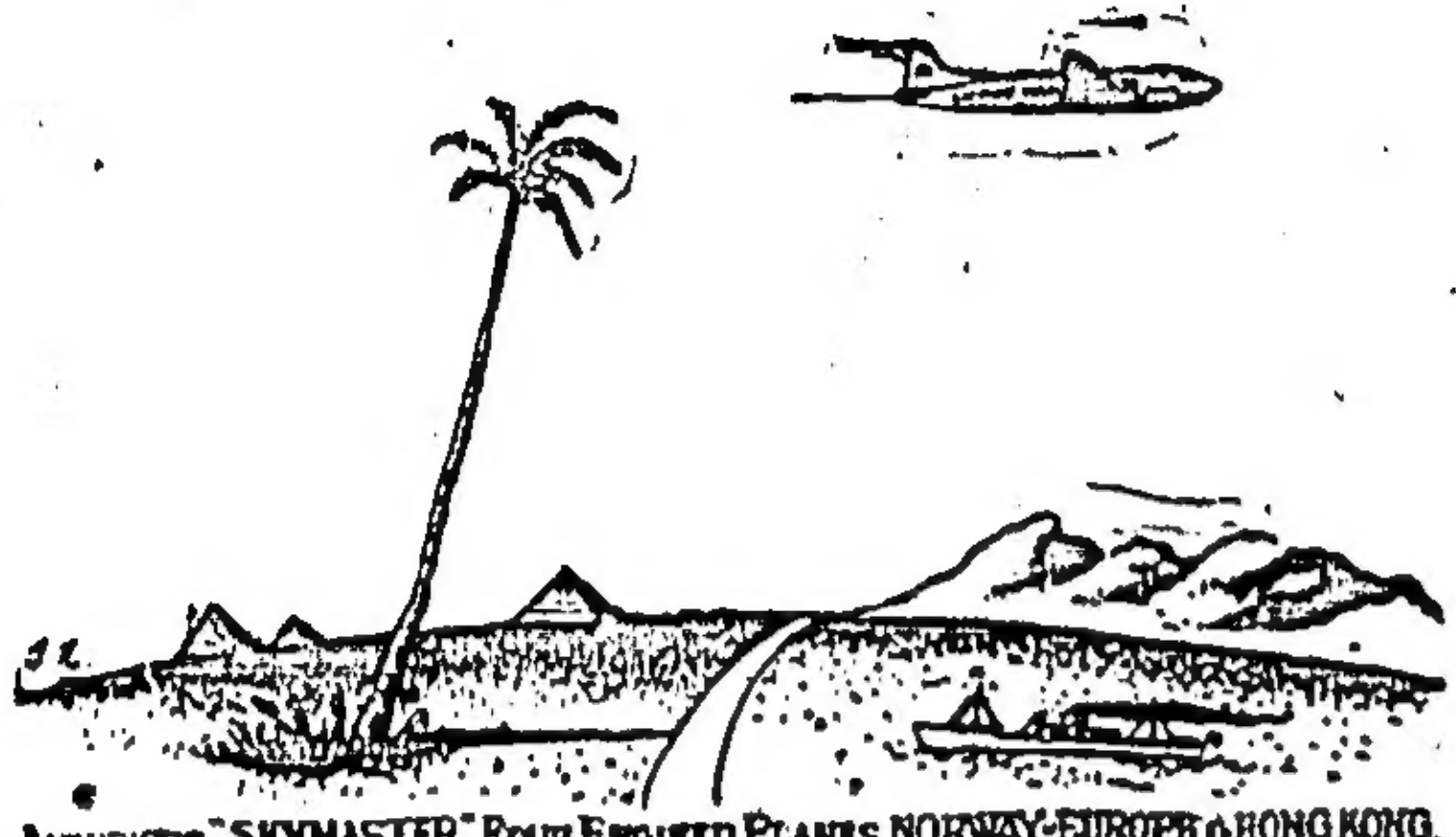
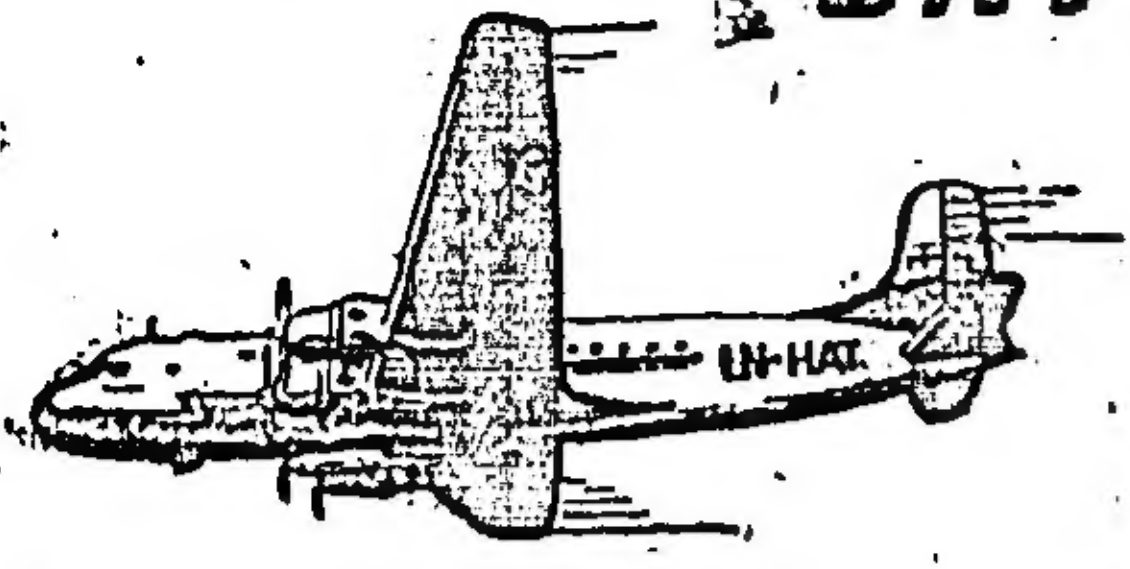
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DAILY BREAD

It was reported from London yesterday that Britain's meat ration will be reduced this month from a shilling to 10d. a week. As in the case of bacon, one wonders why the Utopians who now control the country bother to continue even the token supplies, except that it gives the rising generation a taste of basic foodstuffs which are obsolescent under Socialism but which one day may be available again.

The hard fact is that the Homeland has long since fallen below the level of normal nutrition, and nearly four years of Socialism and bulk buying have progressively worsened the position. In the difficult days of war, with submarine-infested seas, the Tory Lord Woolton managed to obtain more meat and other comestibles than has been achieved since. True, there was Lend-Lease in those days, but now there is Marshall aid, with a much higher percentage for civilian consumption.

The great business of nationalisation marches on. No foodstuffs are allowed to be imported except through bulk government buying—often in charge of black-coated bureaucrats who are adept in civil service jargon and methods, but who know nothing of the technique of trade. Since 1945 Britons travelling abroad have returned with information regarding tons of beef, bacon etc. which could be purchased for sterling, but policy reasons have prevented the people from getting it.

Currently, disappointing deliveries from the Argentine are blamed for Britain's shortage, with certain justification. The bloated cattle barons and their representatives in Peron's regime have succeeded in the post-war years in wresting millions from hungry and impoverished Britain on exorbitant terms, knowing that the bulk-buyers had nowhere else to turn. The Argentine railways, built in a previous generation by British capital and engineering skill, were sold for a few months' meagre supply of meat at vastly inflated prices. When dollar-sterling convertibility was introduced, it was the wealthy Argentine which took unfair advantage of the arrangement, and drained away Britain's supply. Yet Britain has always been her biggest customer.

The practical charges laid down in Buenos Aires have been masked in London by means of government subsidies on food, to keep retail prices down to about one-third of the world average. For this the professional and formerly well-to-do classes have to meet crushing taxation, in order to keep the newly pampered working class millions sufficiently sweetened to vote Labour in the next election. The proletariat is undoubtedly better fed than it was before the war, in spite of Tory protestations to the contrary, but there are millions of other people in the country who seriously consider going abroad for their holidays in order to have some decent meals.

In some ways the Socialist agricultural programme has been good, but it has not produced a fraction of the home-grown meat that was expected. Little has been done to foster increased output in the Empire—part from Dr. Edith Summerskill's knock (a taste which a hungry people nevertheless gratefully refused to culti-

vate) and the multi-million groundnuts scheme, which, if it has not yielded any nuts, has at least created some highly remunerative civil service posts.

Hong Kong, with all its glaring faults, is a good example of what can be done by virile private enterprise, and except for the faithful fanatics, who can deny that individual experts motivated by the deplorable profit motive would not have provided considerably larger volume and variety of food for Britain? In time, Whitehall may be forced to accept this truism but in the meantime the people suffer.

DO YOU
KNOW
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KONG?

Can you recognize where this picture was taken? The answer is in Page Seven.



The Russians see small Western nations as mere pawns of U.S. policy.

A report says that tempered optimism prevails in Moscow. But then, Molotov always did have a bad temper.

Japan takes a dim view of Germany getting the lion's share in this "spoils of the vanquished" game.

A speaker sees the dawn of a new day coming. Others think it feels more like a morning after.

In his will a man left everything he possessed to the government. I hear there is to be an official inquiry into the delay.

The boat stood on the burning deck. All hands gone except him. He bellowed, "Who's a hero? Heck. You'd see. If I could swim!"

"British fly in, millionth ton." And here was I, thinking there were no flies on the airlift.

KCL passenger writes that the train stopped so long between stations that he got out and had a cup of tea at a nearby village. The writer in the engine wasn't boiling.

Says a correspondent, "While I was on leave in England I took my wife to a famous echoing cave, but she was glad to get out of it." Didn't like not having the last word.

"Reports from Nanking say that the commanding general announced that he had laid a belt of 40,000 miles round the city." Must have taken him nearly all the afternoon.

"Second hand drunk, in good condition." What do you mean by "good," exactly?

The marriage rate is still pretty high. Which just shows that what the Colony is fit for or not, there is no lack of heroes.

According to a Conservative MP, Britain should make it clear that her problem is the fearless and independent lion, not a kind of nationalised mouse.



Here comes March, Mr. Smollett!

DEMAND FOR DEFINITE DECISION ON JAPAN MADE BY PHILIPPINES

Washington, March 17.

Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine representative on the Far Eastern Commission, today demanded that the FEC decide once and for all what to do with Japan.

General Romulo charged the United States with major responsibility for the delay in determining Japan's economic future. He said the United States is hampering the reparations programme on which the economic plans of several Asian nations depend.

Tito Meets With West Delegates

Trieste, March 18.

The independent and usually reliable "Giornale di Trieste" reported yesterday that Marshal Tito has met Western Powers' representatives three times since last September.

The "Giornale" said it had its information from eye-witnesses. The meetings, it said, took place on the island of Brioni, near Pola, just off the tip of the Italian Peninsula.

The first meeting, the newspaper reported, was in September, the second was on January 2, and the third, last Saturday.

News of the third meeting, "Giornale" said, spread quickly throughout Italy and raised hopes among the Italian population that although no Italians participated in the Italian problem in Trieste, the Italian problem in Trieste may have been discussed.

The newspaper said that Marshal Tito met the same representatives on all three occasions.

Tito, the "Giornale" continued, arrived by special train on Saturday morning at Pola—former Italian city given to Yugoslavia by the treaty. From Pola he travelled by car to Dignano where he was taken in a motorboat to Brioni.

Tito, the newspaper said, remained on the island until Sunday morning conferring with the Western Powers' representatives. He then returned to his special train, held for him about eight miles north of Pola.—Associated Press.

THE KING

London, March 17. King George is still making satisfactory progress after his operation to improve circulation in his right leg.

The King's physicians visited him again at Buckingham Palace, but for the second consecutive day no bulletin was issued.—United Press.

Another Slash In Britons' Meat

London, March 17.

Britain's slender meat ration is to be reduced from March 27 from a shilling to 10d. a week, Dr. Edith Summerville, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, announced in the House of Commons today.

Eight pence of the 10d. will be carcass meat and the remainder in canned corned meat. Dr. Summerville, deputising for the Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, who is ill with influenza, told Parliament: "Shipments from the Argentine have not improved and the further reduction has become inevitable. "During the last four months of 1948, we received only 5,500 tons of meat from the Argentine as against 130,000 tons we had expected to get."

She recalled that the reduction followed a drop from one shilling to 10d. in the carcass meat ration on January 23 with 2d. worth of corned meat added as compensation.

She said that in view of its position the British Ambassador in Buenos Aires has

been instructed to bring pressure on the Argentine Government at the highest level to speed up shipments.

When the Andes Agreement, covering the Argentine's meat contract for Britain, ended in February, she said, 100,000 tons, or over a quarter of the carcase meat, remained unshipped. "If we try to maintain the present ration, even for a short period, our stocks would almost immediately fall below the minimum level at which a nationwide distribution can be maintained and the ration honoured," she declared.

An increase in supplies in 1949 depends, she said, on the outcome of the negotiations with the Argentine for a new agreement.—Reuter.

COST OF THE JAPAN OCCUPATION

Washington, March 17.

The U.S. Army today announced that the total cost of the Japanese occupation to the United States, to the end of the fiscal year of 1949, will be \$83,151,000,000.

The total includes the cost since V-J Day of troop pay and allowances, troop maintenance, repatriation of enemy personnel and Government and private relief in occupied areas.

The yearly totals are as follows: fiscal year 1946, \$7,700,000,000; 1947, \$7,700,000,000; 1948, \$7,700,000,000; 1949, \$886,500,000.—United Press.

New Light On Hitler History

Wuelzen, March 17.

Oskar von Hindenburg, son of Germany's former President, claimed at his De-Nazification trial here today that he had proof that his father wanted Hitler to succeed him as Head of the State.

He produced a hitherto unpublished letter written by his father on October 23, 1933 (eight months before Hitler became Chancellor) rejecting a plan to restore Kaiser Wilhelm II to the German throne on his 70th birthday.

"I found the letter while going through my father's papers last night," he told the court. He contended that the letter, which was addressed to the German military attaché in Austria, General von Carmon, demolished the prosecution's case that he had falsified his father's political testimony in Hitler's favour.

He said the letter made it plain that although the aged President desired the Kaiser's return, he considered it impractical at that time.

This was the reason why he had written his political testimony in

"RAINBOW ARCH" OVER PACIFIC

Boston, March 17.

The "Christian Science Monitor," in an editorial today, says that reports from London and Australia indicate that the Pacific alliance in the making is destined to be the global twin sister of the Atlantic pact.

The editorial said: "This is a British undertaking which reflects the long held British desire to build a South East Asian anti-Communist bloc and strengthen the Commonwealth ties in the Indo-Pacific world."

"But its scope extends beyond the Commonwealth, and American power might be the key-stone in this projected rainbow arch across the Pacific."

The editorial added: "Yet, the foundation on which the arch must rest is the co-operation of the Asian peoples themselves. The time has gone by when a British, Dutch and French coalition, with American backing, can impose a defence system on any large part of Asia."

"If American power were unlimited, it might be possible to fashion such a form of rearmament imperialism on that Continent for a considerable period. But Europe's necessities already constitute a drain on American resources, which do not permit this possibility, even if public opinion should support it."

"Peripheral defences can be strengthened from without the Asian world, but the psychological solidarity which would be so important to a genuine Indo-Pacific Defence Pact can only be by the willing co-operation of that world."

Lack Of Power
India stands to gain much from helping to mediate a Pacific Defence Pact, which would balance Asian support against Western concessions.

India could well fulfil a mediator's role because of its position as an Asian power with special relation to the British Commonwealth.

two parts. Only in the second part, hitherto unpublished, did he express his wish for the restoration of the Monarchy.—Reuter.

ECHO OF HONG KONG CAMPAIGN

Ottawa, March 17.

The Defence Minister, Mr. Brooke Claxton, today said that members of the ill-fated Canadian Hong Kong expedition will receive Pacific pay similar to other Canadian Servicemen who fought in that area.

Pacific pay ranges from 30 cents a day for privates to a dollar for majors and up. Pacific pay never applied to the Hong Kong Canadians.

Members of the Royal Rifles of Canada of Quebec City and the Winnipeg Grenadiers landed in Hong Kong just before Japan struck in December, 1941, and they were captured.

Since their release, the two regiments have asked for Pacific pay. After considerable discussion in the House, Mr. Claxton said they would get extra pay for the period from their leaving Canada until two months after their return.—United Press.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

Photograph shows a side entrance of the Sincere Company.

France Fighting On Two Fronts

Paris, March 17.

The French Government will see to it that France does not enter within the orbit of the Cominform, the Interior Minister, Jules Moch, said tonight.

In a political speech broadcast to the nation, he said that the present middle of the road Cabinet is fighting on two fronts—against the Communists and the followers of de Gaulle.

Reviewing steps taken against the Communists, Moch, who controls the police, said:

"We have thrown out the agitators who were charged by foreign interests to create disorder in France. We have arrested spies, among whom unfortunately were wayward Frenchmen. "Acts of sabotage have been committed whose authors have been arrested or are pursued."

He said the Government would also withstand the campaign of the Gaullists to resurrect an authoritarian regime.

France's whole recovery effort, Moch said, would be set back if the Communists or Gaullists, or both, get support in the rural elections being held on Sunday for 1,489 county officials.

Moch is a Socialist whose party shares in the Coalition Cabinet of the Premier, Henri Queuille, a Radical Socialist. Moderates, with Catholics and Right Wing, govern.—Associated Press.

BIG HAUL OF DRUGS IN JAPAN

Tokyo, March 18.

The British Commonwealth Occupation Force's special investigators this week seized drugs and Australian woolen materials valued at \$10,000 which had been smuggled into Japan aboard the ss. Changto. Six Chinese and three Japanese have been arrested. The Chinese will be charged with smuggling before a BCOF court.

The goods, which were brought to Japan on the last voyage of the Changto, were thrown overboard in immense airtight containers as the ship neared Kure.

Accomplices waiting in small boats picked up the containers and took them ashore.

The BCOF authorities said today that the drugs, all of which were of American origin, apparently had been stolen from UNRRA stores in China. They had a re-sale value in Japan of \$50,000.

Thus far, BCOF investigators believe they have arrested only minor accomplices in a major smuggling gang.—Reuter.

PETROL BONUS FOR HOLIDAYS

London, March 17.

British motorists are to get a special summer holiday bonus of petrol, Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced today.

They will get double the amount they would normally have in the three months of June, July and August, he told the House of Commons.

This will mean an increase from about 540 miles to 810 miles of motoring for a five-month period—the duration of the next ration book. The bonus will take 90,000 tons of petrol. The amount used under the original standard ration is about 260,000 tons a year.

Mr. Wilson said that as any additional imports of motor spirits have to be paid for in dollars and there is still a serious dollar deficit, the Government has decided that no permanent increase in the standard ration can yet be afforded.—Reuter.

TROOP MOVEMENTS STORY DENIED

London, March 17.

Sofia Radio said tonight that the Bulgarian news agency is authorized to deny categorically the reports of concentrations of Bulgarian troops on the Greek and Yugoslav frontiers, circulated by certain foreign newspapers and news agencies.

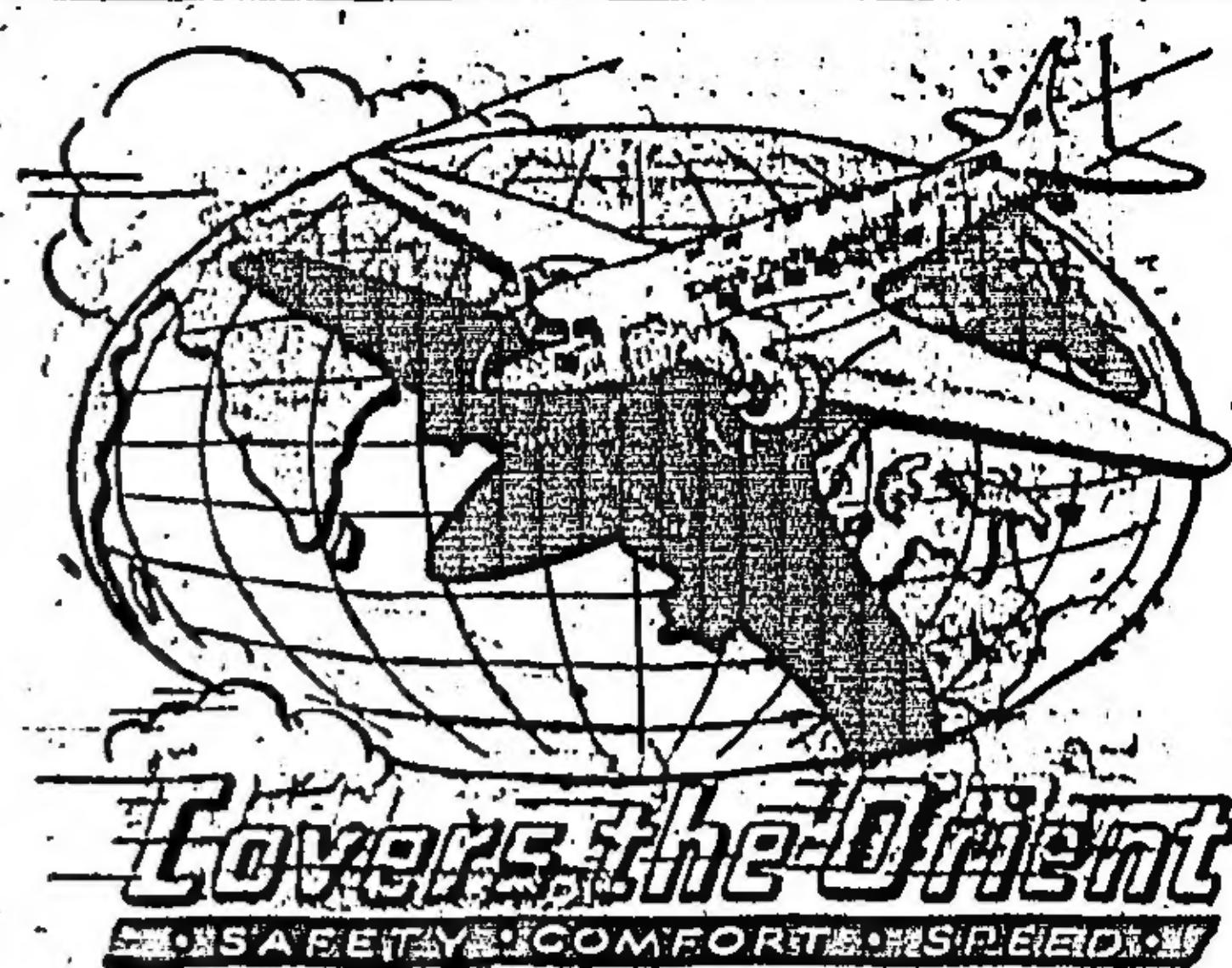
"These reports are without any foundation and the product of pure invention," it added.—Reuter.

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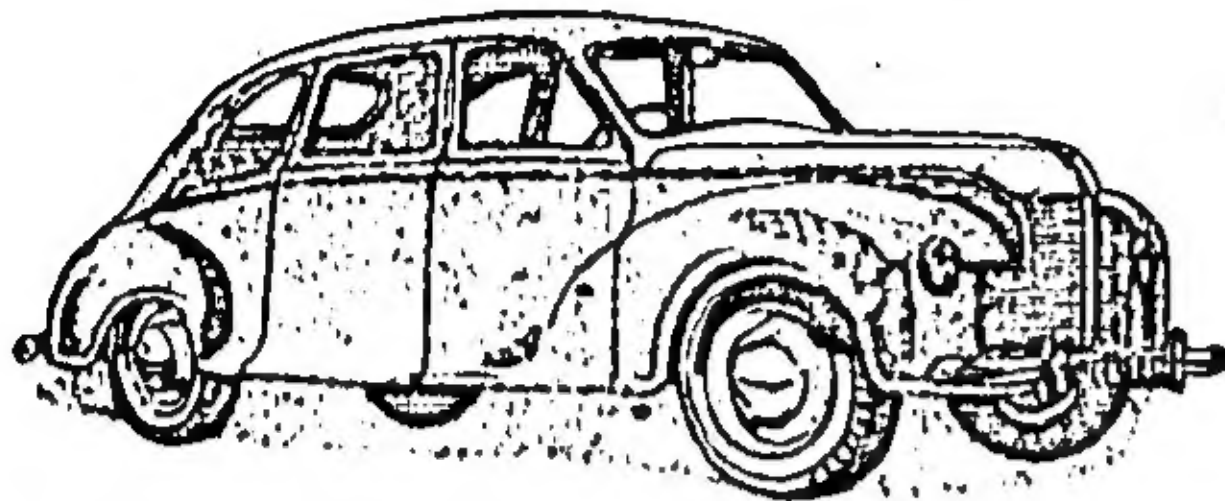
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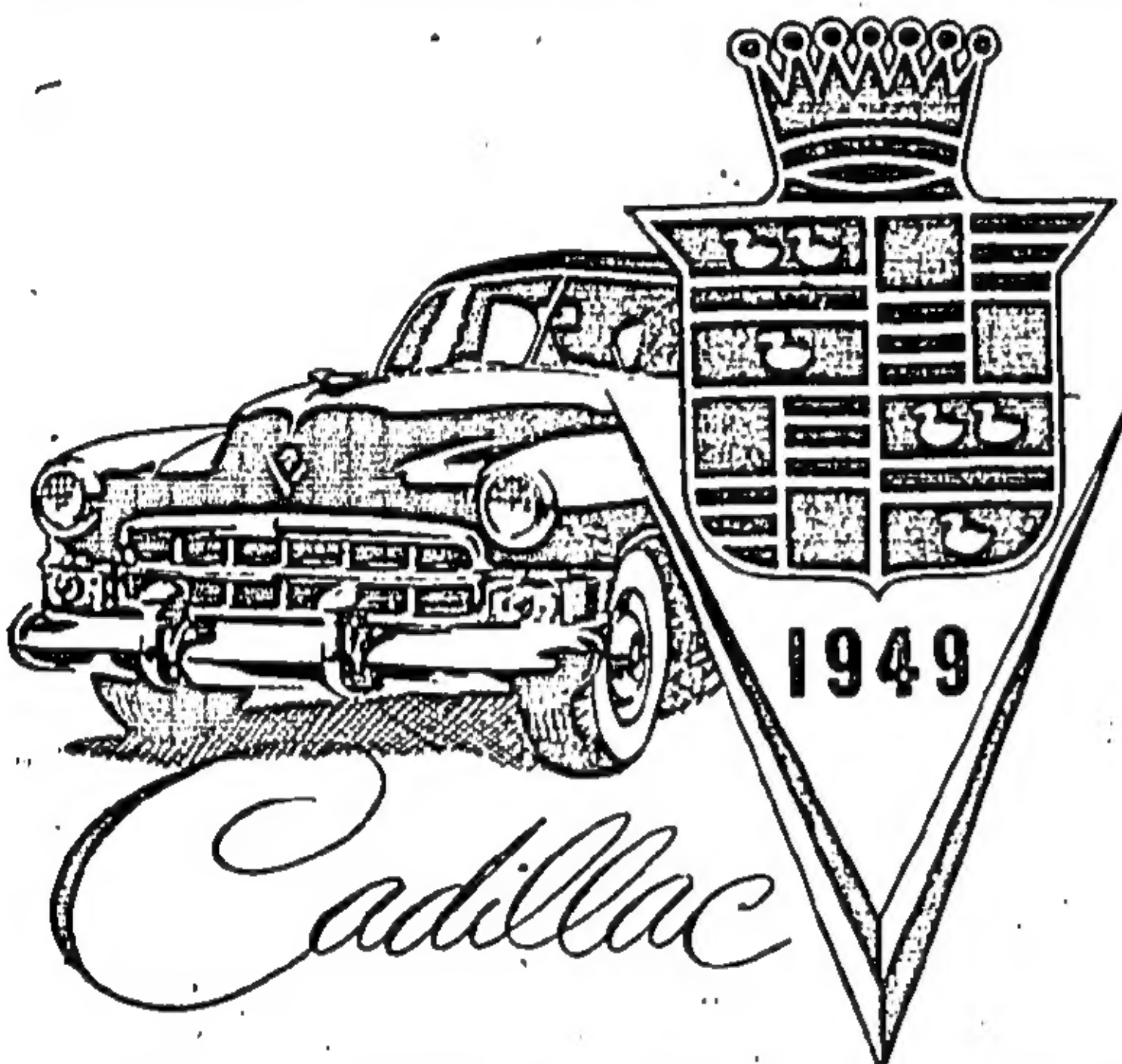
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BRITAIN'S NEW CARS

A Make-By-Make Description Of Various Models

Rolls-Royce

There is no change in the specification of the Rolls-Royce "Silver Wraith" chassis, which continues to be the unchallenged leader of automobile design. The six-cylinder engine has overhead inlet and side exhaust valves, the four-speed gearbox has a gear lever on the right-hand side in a position that does not impede the driver entering or leaving the car, and there is independent front suspension by coil springs, with half-elliptic springs at the rear. The steering gear is of the cam-and-roller type and the brakes are assisted by a mechanical servo. The rear axle is of the hypoid type. Chassis lubrication is carried out by depressing a plunger in the driving compartment. The wheelbase of the Rolls-Royce is 127 in., the ground clearance 8 1/2 in., the turning circle 42 ft., and the weight of the chassis alone 2,400 cwt. The chassis costs £2,095 in England and the car is available with the choice of a number of "standard" closed bodies made by leading coachbuilders.

Rover

Like the Rolls-Royce the Rover models have engines with overhead inlet and side exhaust valves. There are two models on a common chassis—the "75" having a six-cylinder engine of 2,103 c.c. capacity and the "60" a four-cylinder engine of 1,595 c.c. capacity. The six-cylinder engine develops 72 b.h.p. and the four-cylinder engine 50 b.h.p.; both cars have independent front suspension by coil springs with half-elliptic springs at the rear, worm-and-nut steering, and a four-speed synchromesh gearbox incorporating a free-wheel. The gear level is placed centrally. The leading dimensions of both cars are as follows:—Wheelbase 110 1/2 in., ground clearance 8 in., turning circle 37 ft., and unladen weight 2,615 to 2,715 cwt. There are two body styles, a four-light saloon and a six-light saloon. In England the price of Rover cars are £845 for the "60" saloons and £865 for the "75" saloons. Rovers also make the Land-rover, an all-purpose vehicle similar in appearance to the jeep and powered by the "60" car engine.

Singer

The new Singer "1,600" has a flush-sided body and a four-cylinder engine of 1,508 c.c. capacity with the overhead camshaft which has been a feature of Singer cars for some years. The four-speed gearbox has a lever mounted on the steering column. The independent front suspension uses coil springs. The wheelbase of the new Singer is 107 1/2 in., and the ground clearance is 7 1/2 in. The

Standard

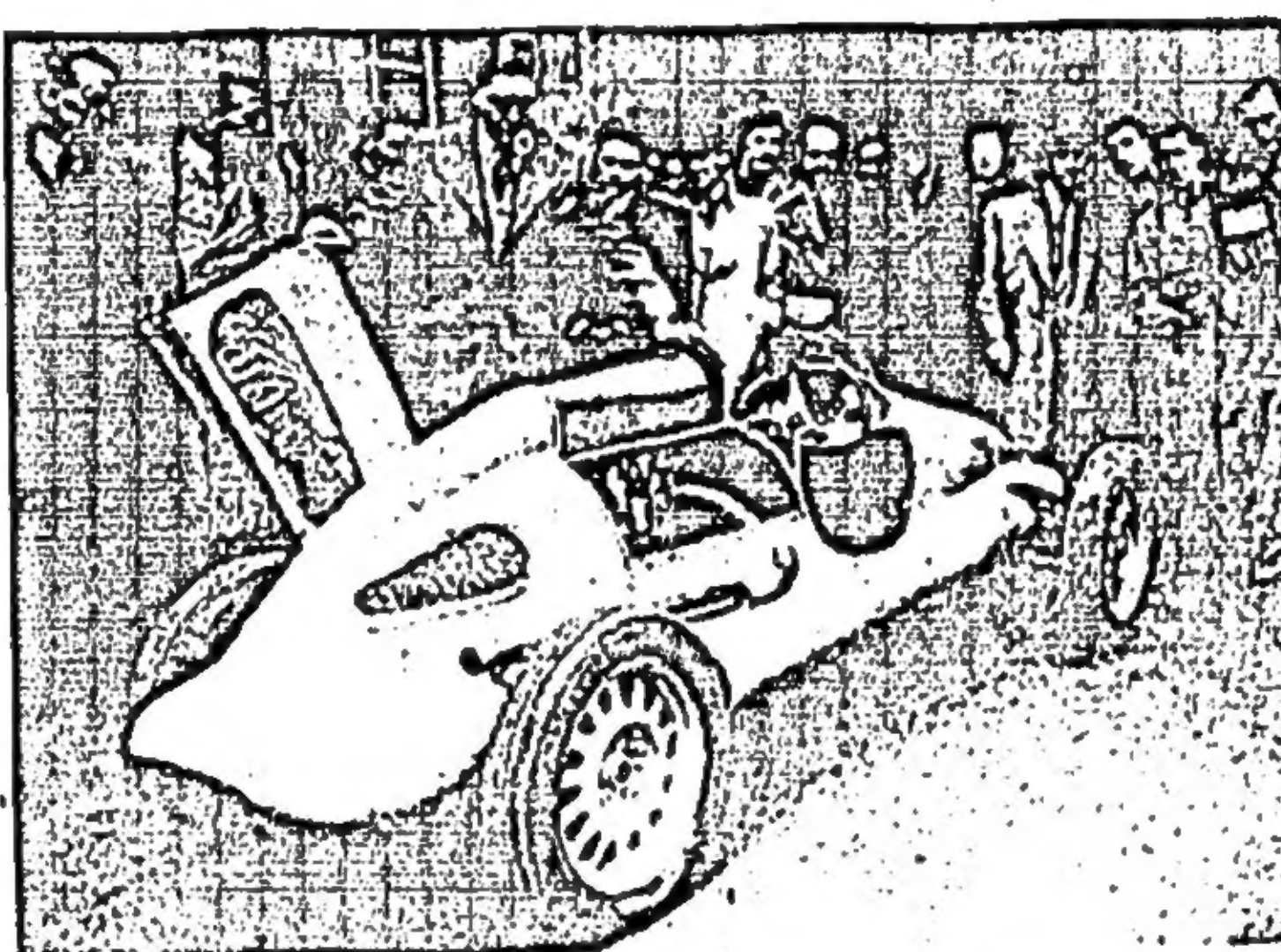
The new standard "Vanguard" has perhaps attracted more attention than any other British car of recent years. It has a four-cylinder, overhead-valve engine of 2,088 c.c. developing 68 b.h.p., with replaceable cylinder sleeves fitted in direct contact with the cooling water. The three-speed gearbox has the lever on the steering column, and the independent front suspension incorporates coil springs. The brakes are of the Lockheed hydraulic type and the steering is by cam and roller. The wheelbase is 94 in., the ground clearance 8 in., the turning circle

verse spring, cam-and-lever steering, hydraulic brakes, and a gear lever on the steering column. The wheelbase of the saloon is 108 in., the ground clearance 7 in., the turning circle 40 ft., and the dry unladen weight 2,400 cwt. The wheelbase of the roadster is 100 in., the ground clearance 6 1/2 in., the turning circle 39 ft., and the dry unladen weight 2,115 cwt. The Triumphs are made in the Standard factories at Coventry. Both models sell at £775 in England.

Vauxhall

The new Vauxhall six-cylinder "Velox" and the four-cylinder "Wyvern" are identical in many respects, and carry the same bodies. The "Velox" engine has a displacement of 2,275 c.c. and develops 64 1/2 b.h.p. at the compar-

New Style Racing Car



This new Marwyn racing car was recently on display at Brewer Street, London. Captain J. G. Beste, managing director of the Maw Marwyn Car Company, is holding the cowling to disclose the rear-mounted engine back of the driver's seat. The car costs £445. (Associated Press photo).

35 ft., and the weight 2,235 cwt. In addition to the saloon model there are now a "Vanguard" estate car a utility pick-up with an open body, and a delivery van. The price of the "Vanguard" saloon in England is £425 plus tax.

Sunbeam-Talbot

The two Sunbeam-Talbot models, the "80" and the "90", are identical in everything but engine size and gear ratios—the "80" having a four-cylinder engine of 1,185 c.c. capacity developing 47 b.h.p. and the "90" a four-cylinder engine of 1,044 c.c. capacity developing 64 b.h.p. The four-speed gearboxes have steering-column control levers. Both models have half-elliptic springs all around, hydraulic brakes, and worm-and-nut steering. There are two body styles, a saloon and a sports convertible coupe with coachwork by Thrupp and Maberly. The wheelbase is 97 1/2 in., the ground clearance 5 1/2 in., the turning circle 36 ft., and the weight is from 2,215 cwt. to 2,315 cwt., according to the body fitted. These cars sell in England from £695 to £825 according to the type of body and engine.

Triumph

The Triumph is made in two models, a 3/5-seater roadster powered by the four-cylinder overhead-valve 2,008 c.c. engine used in the Standard "Vanguard" and the saloon model with a four-cylinder overhead-valve engine of 1,775 c.c. capacity developing 63 b.h.p. Both cars have independent front suspension by means of a trans-

versely low engine speed of 3,800 r.p.m. The engine of the "Wyvern" has a cubic capacity of 1,442 c.c. and develops 35 b.h.p. at 3,000 r.p.m. Both cars have three-speed gearboxes, the "Wyvern" having a slightly lower top-gear ratio than the "Velox" and both having the gear lever mounted on the steering column. The well-known suspension of independent front-wheel suspension with torsion bar and tube is retained, and Lockheed brakes are fitted. The wheelbase is 97 1/2 in. The "Velox", which has a slightly wider track than the "Wyvern", has a ground clearance of 7 1/2 in., the clearance of the smaller car being 6 1/2 in. The "Velox" weighs 2,115 cwt. and the "Wyvern" 1,915 cwt. The six-cylinder model costs £430 in England and the four-cylinder saloon £350, plus tax.

Wolsley

Although they are fitted with streamlined bodies, the two new Wolsley models retain their traditional character. The two models are called the "Four-Fifty" and the "Six-Eighty", these figures representing the number of cylinders and the power developed by their engines, both of which have overhead camshafts. Both cars are thoroughly up to date in design and construction, their specifications including such features as independent front suspension by torsion bars and rack-and-pinion steering. The performance on the road of both cars is considerably better than that of previous Wolsleys of similar size, and the springing and road holding are exceptionally good.

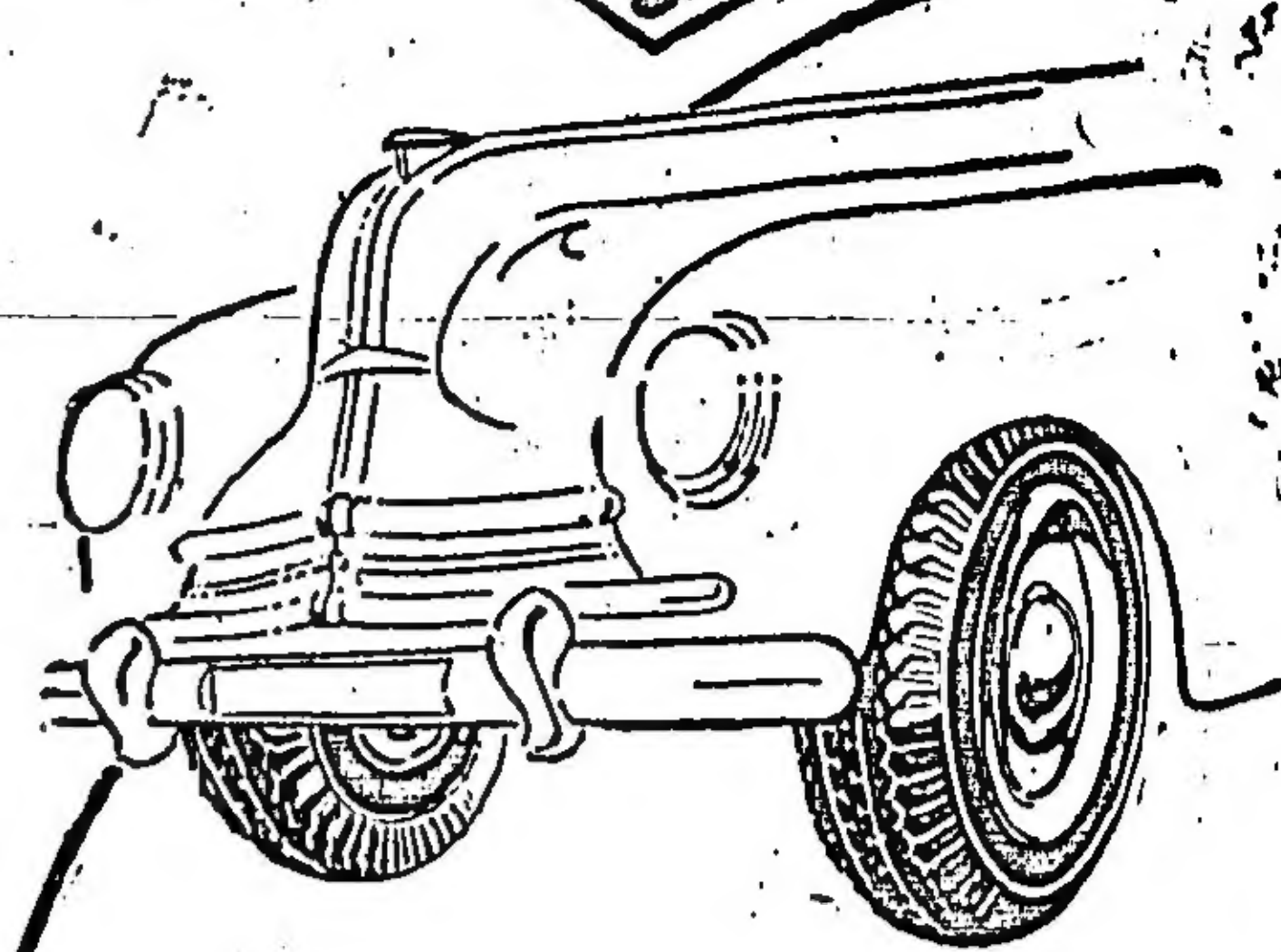
Humber

There are three models in the Humber range—the Hawk, the Super Snipe, and the Pullman. The Hawk has a four-cylinder side-valve engine of 1,044 c.c. capacity developing 50 b.h.p. at 3,800 r.p.m. In common with the other Humber models it has a four-speed gearbox with a steering-column control, worm and nut steering, and hydraulic brakes. The Hawk has coil independent front suspension, instead of the transverse spring used on the large cars. The Hawk has a wheelbase of 114 in., a ground clearance of 7 1/2 in., a turning circle of 40 1/2 ft., and weighs 2,315 cwt. The body has a curved windshield and mudguards merging into the doors. It has a bench type seat and can accommodate six people. The basic price of the Hawk is £625. The Super Snipe has been modified in chassis details and its appearance has been improved in a way that combines modernity with the Humber tradition of dignity. This big car has a top gear performance of from 5 to 80 m.p.h. The six-cylinder side-valve engine of 4,080 c.c. develops 100 b.h.p. at 3,400 r.p.m. The wheelbase of the Super Snipe is 117 1/2 in., the ground clearance 7 1/2 in., the turning circle 40 1/2 ft., and the weight of the

World Motor Show In Melbourne

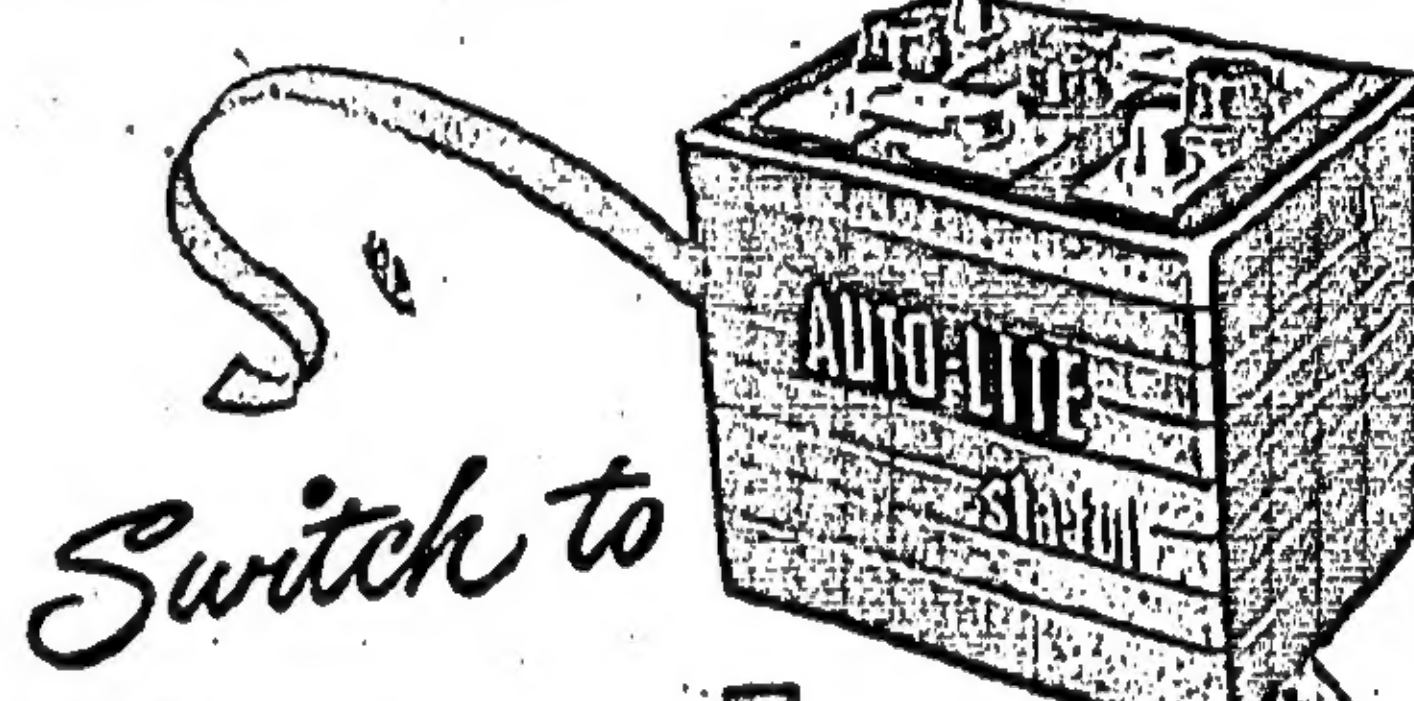
An International Motor Show, sponsored by the Chamber of Automotive Industries, will open in Melbourne on May 12 next. It will be the first such show to be held in Melbourne for nine years and will include several new models, among them the new baby Morris Minor, which aroused great interest at the recent International Motor Show in London; the Hillman Minx, now Austins, Vauxhalls and a large range of luxury type cars. Features of nearly all the popular cars will be the "Crocodile" type engine cowling, the swept down to "mouth organ" radiator grilles, independent front springing and wide, bench-type front seats. There will also be a special showing of garage equipment. Officially, however, the show is still a "trade secret" and details of the exhibits cannot be released.

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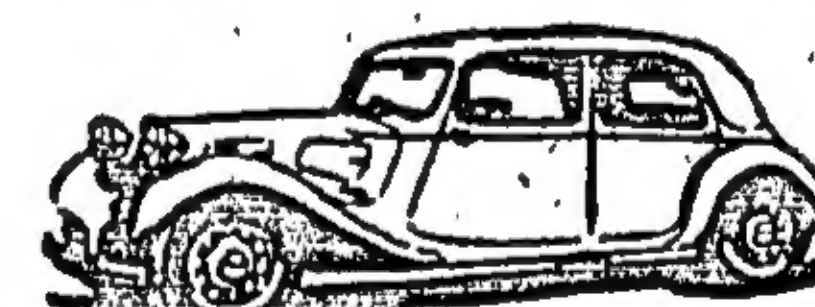
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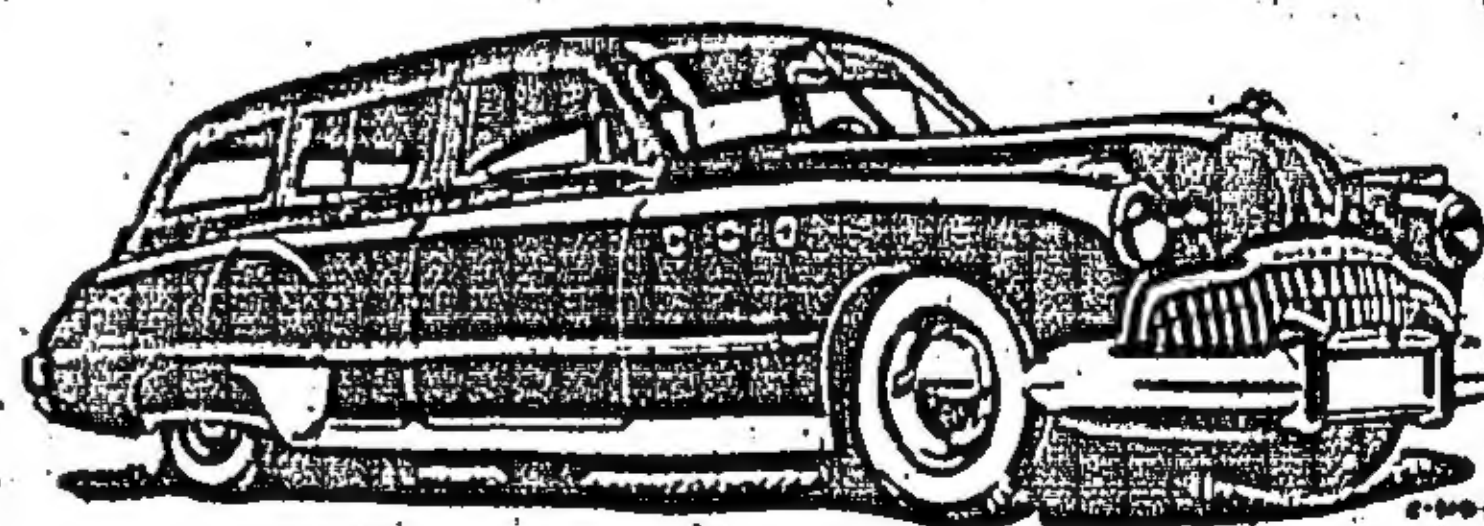
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RED WOOING OF WEST GERMANY

Berlin, March 18.
German Communists last night launched a campaign to woo all Germany into the Soviet orbit. The keynote of their campaign is a call for a unified Germany. The Communists seek to control Germany by creating an Eastern German state. They want Western Germany to join this projected Communist-led state.

Guillotine Used On Steel Bill

London, March 17.
Amid Conservative cries of "Reichstag" and loud Government cheers, the committee stage of the Government's Bill to nationalise the iron and steel industry came to an abrupt end today when the "guillotine" fell, leaving 44 amendments still to be discussed.

In the committee stage the amendments are discussed and the Bill is debated by the Government. It is used when the Government considers the Opposition is unnecessarily prolonging the discussion.

The Bill was debated in the Standing Committee—a small committee representing all parties in proportion to their Parliamentary strength.

Divisions on the 44 remaining amendments were punctuated by Opposition observations such as "What a disgrace."

The Bill will go back to the full House of Commons, later to be passed to the House of Lords.

—Reuter.

CONCESSIONS TO TOURISTS

London, March 17.

The Government has increased from £35 to £50 the annual amount British tourists may spend in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, including the Faroes, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Spain and Switzerland.

Mr. Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, announced this concession in the House of Commons today.

Children under 15 will be allowed a reduced sum of £35.

There will be, Mr. Glenvil Hall added, an extra allowance of currency, equivalent to £10 a year, to enable motorists to go to their destinations by car instead of by train.

Replying to questions, Mr. Glenvil Hall said: "We would be very pleased to include Yugoslavia. Consideration is being given to that matter now."

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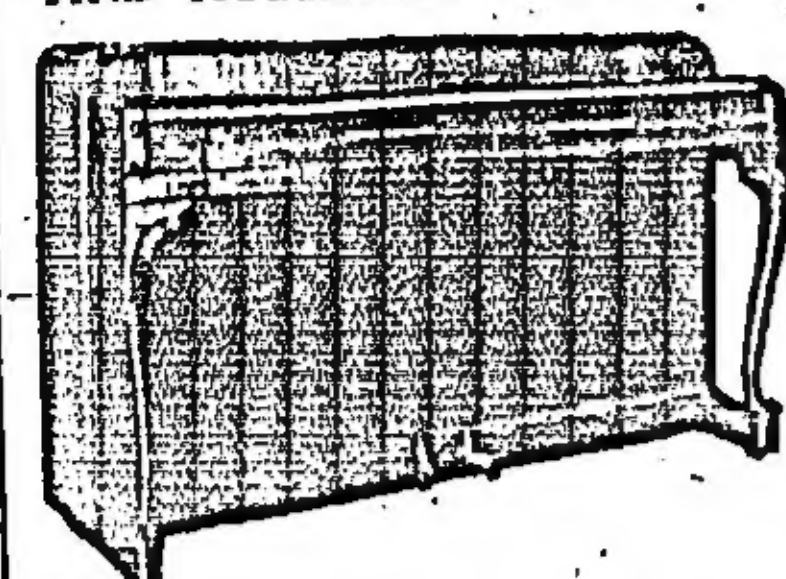
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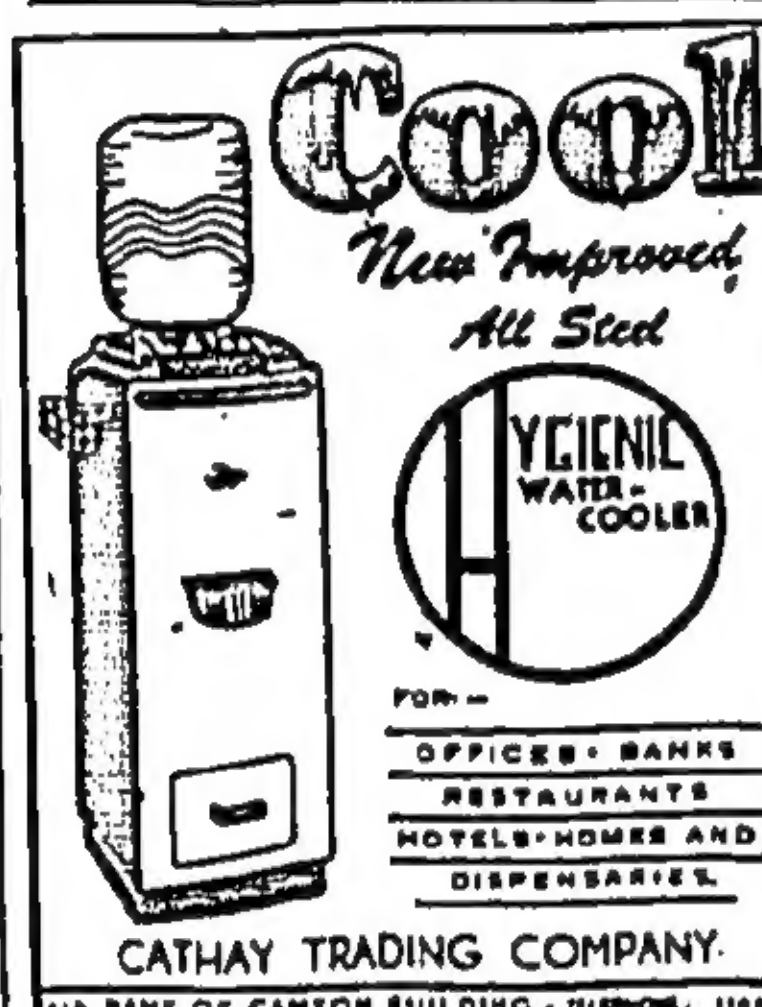
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JEWS DEMAND AKABA GARRISON REDUCTION

Rhodes, March 17.

Israel today demanded that the British forces at the
Transjordan port of Akaba be reduced, an
authoritative source said.

Jewish delegates at the armistice talks here made
the demand after agreeing in principle with the
Transjordan delegates to reduce their armed
forces.

One unconfirmed report said
the Jews even demanded the
complete withdrawal of the
British garrison as a prerequi-
site for signing the armistice
with Transjordan.

United Nations circles believe
that an overall armistice agree-
ment can be expected within ten
days. The Palestine mediator, Dr.
Ralph Bunche, has started draft-
ing the general terms for agree-
ment.

Dr. Bunche has accused Brit-
ain of violating the Middle East
truce by despatching troops to
Akaba, informed sources at Lake
Success revealed today.

The sources reported that Dr.
Bunche made the accusation in
reply to a query from Britain,
asking if Israel had not violated
the truce by occupying Elath,
coastal strip along the Red Sea
near Akaba.

The United Nations Security
Council resolution of last July
banned the entry of fighting per-
sonnel into any Middle East area.
The Elath coastal area is part of
the Negev desert territory as-
signed to Israel under the origi-
nal partition resolution.

Israeli sources asserted in
London tonight that Transjor-
dan has virtually annexed the
major part of Arab Palestine.

British Stand

They were commenting on an
Amman announcement in the
Transjordan placed under its
own civil control all the
Arab Palestine territory its own
and Iraqi forces occupy.

Responsible diplomatic in-
formants recall that Britain in
the past has maintained that the
best way of dealing with Arab
Palestine would be to incorporate
it into the neighbouring Arab
States—and particularly Trans-
jordan.

British spokesmen have gone
on record as opposing the estab-
lishment of a so-called "rump
state" in Arab Palestine.

These informants said that the
Amman Government's move ap-
peared as a logical development
of the Jericho Congress last
December when King Abdullah
was proclaimed "King of
Palestine."

A Foreign Office spokesman
said later, in reply to a question
that Britain had not been
informed in advance of Trans-
jordan's move.

"Why should we be?" he
added.—United Press and As-
sociated Press.

RAF PILOTS OBEYED ORDERS

London, March 17.

The Air Secretary, Mr Arthur
Henderson, told the House of
Commons today that the in-
quiry into the loss of five RAF
fighter planes near the
Egyptian-Palestine border on
January 7 showed that the British
pilots had scrupulously ob-
served their orders not to cross
the frontier or engage in com-
bat.

One British pilot was killed in
attacks from Israeli ground and
air forces.

Replying to a question on the
outcome of the inquiry, Mr.
Henderson said: "The Jews had
every intention of attacking any
aircraft encountered over this
area. With reference to after-
noon reconnaissance the court
considered that the Jewish attack
was deliberate and highly skill-
ed."—United Press.

Suicide's Ingenuity

Chicago, March 17.
William Saunders, aged 67,
unemployed machinist, today
used a piece of pipe, a nail
and a bullet to kill himself.

He had no pistol so he put
the pipe against his head, put
a bullet in the end of it and
hit the bullet's fulminate of
mercury cap with the nail.—
United Press.

"THIRD ELEMENT" IN SIAMESE POLITICS

Bangkok, March 17.

Marshal Phibul Songkram, Siamese Premier, said in
an interview here today that he would take
steps to eliminate Siam's "third element,"
which had spread rumours creating opposition
between the Army and the Navy.

"Third element" leaders were accused of instigating
fighting between the Siamese Army and Navy
in Bangkok on February 26.

The first step would be the
reorganization of Bangkok's
University of Moral and Politi-
cal Sciences—the Law and
Economics University—with
which the "third element" are
connected, the Premier said.

Commenting on foreign and
diplomatic speculation of constitu-
tional and Cabinet changes to ally
criticisms, the Premier said the
Cabinet will remain and the Gov-
ernment will not interfere with
the destiny of the new draft Con-
stitution.

The Premier said he is main-
taining a balance in the Govern-
ment between the right wing and
the left wing elements.

Siam is without a significant
"extreme left" political party al-
though a few Communists are
known to have attached them-
selves to the followers of Pridi
Panomyong in the recent dis-
orders, he said.

Pridi Panomyong, former Pre-
mier and Senior Statesman,
escaped from Siam when Marshal
Songkram seized power. He has
been named No. 1 accused in the
King Ananda assassination trial.
Last December, the Siamese police
announced that they were con-
ducting an international hunt for
him.

Sufficient Check

Marshal Songkram said that
only a few politicians were active-
ly interested in changing the
Siamese Government, and the
elimination of the pro-Pridi Pan-
omyong "third element" would pro-
vide indefinite stability.

The Premier added that the
present policy of deportation of
both Communist and Nationalist
Chinese minority leaders, known
to be illegally active, is a sufficient
check on Communist or other alien
penetration.

CAUTIOUS NOTE ON GREECE

Washington, March 17.
President Truman's quarterly
report to the Congress on the
progress of the Greek-Turkish
aid programme said today that
the military outlook for the
anti-Communist forces in
Greece is more promising than
it has been for some time.

He added, however, that there
is no indication of an early Red
defeat.

The report added that it was
apparently the United States aid
to the Greek Government which
shifted the balance against the
Communist rebels.

United States military strate-
gists think that the Greek Army
is large enough to defeat the
Communists, adding that the
Government's casualties during
the year were 20,000, compared
with 32,000 rebels.

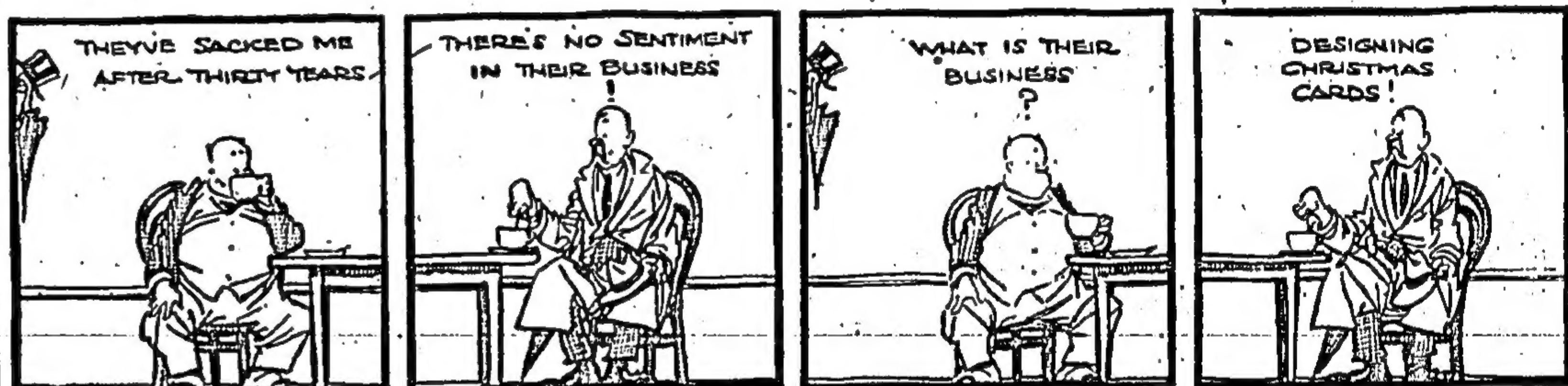
Under the programme so
far, an expenditure of \$26,500,
000 has been authorized for the
Greek Army.

During 1948, the United States
military assistance to Turkey to-
talled \$70,304,258.—United Press.

The Premier said there are no
steps contemplated for outlawing
the Communist Party as such. Of
the rumored Cabinet changes for
increasing the Navy's hand in the
Government after last month's
clashes, the Premier said: "As
far as I am concerned, the entire
Government is due for a bloc
resignation within five months
when the national elections are
due to be held. A reshuffling of
experienced and adequate Minis-
ters now would be purposeless."

The Premier said the country's
new draft Constitution for giving
increased monarchical powers had
been prepared by the elected As-
sembly, had Parliament's ratifica-
tion and is now in the hands of
the Supreme State Council, whose
advice is awaited.—Reuter.

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JAVA-CHINA SERVICE

Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"TASMAN"	from Macassar	to Manila	19th March	20th March
"TJISADANE"	from Macassar	to Javaport	17th March	18th March
"TJIBADAK"	from Macassar	to Javaport	1st April	2nd April
"TJITJALENGKA"	from Macassar	to Javaport	14th April	15th April

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"TJIPANAS"	from Japan	to South Africa	30th March	31st March
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from Japan	to South Africa	30th March	31st March
"BOISSEVAL"	from South America	to East & South Africa	31st March	1st April
"STRAAT SOENDA"	from Japan	to East & South Africa	15th May	16th May
"TEGELBERG"	from South America	to East & South Africa	13th June	14th June

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Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"VAN HEUTSZ"	from B. Dell & Singapore	to B. Dell	26th March	27th March
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Dell & Straits	to B. Dell	8th April	9th April

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"MELISKERK"	from Japan	to Europe via Manila & Straits	28th March	29th March
"MARIEKERK"	from Europe	to Europe via Manila & Straits	Mid April	End April
"MOLENKERK"	from Europe	to Europe via Manila & Straits	Early May	Mid May
"MEERKERK"	from Europe	to Europe via Manila & Straits	Early June	Mid June

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Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"DONA AURORA"	from Japan	to Europe via Manila & Straits	15th Apr.	16th Apr.
"BENARES"	from Japan	to Europe via Manila & Straits	28th Apr.	29th Apr.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA LOS ANGELES

Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"BENARES"	from Japan	to Europe via Manila & Straits	30th Apr.	31st Apr.
"DONA AURORA"	from Japan	to Europe via Manila & Straits	20th May	21st May

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S.S. CHENG KUNG	Bangkok	to Hong Kong	March 24	March 25

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The market during the past week has been at a nervous tension. The introduction of the Colony's Budget also took a hand in this tension though it brought no relief when it was known that Corporation Profits Tax was not to be subjected to any increase. It would seem that nothing short of a change in the general political situation can stimulate the market and arrest further falling off of prices. Certainly the declaration of good dividends has not done so.

GOVT. LOANS:
1. Loan 1923-24.
2. Loan 1934 & 1940 102 1/2.
3. Loan 1949 102 1/2.
H.K. & S. Bank 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2.
(Loan, Reg.) 104 1/2.
Chartered Bank 21 1/2, 21 1/2, 21 1/2.
Merrill Lynch 21 1/2, 21 1/2, 21 1/2.
Bank of East Asia 13 1/2.
INSURANCE:
Canton Ins. 27 1/2.
Union Ins. 21 1/2.
China Underwriters 41 1/2.
H.K. Fire Ins. (X.D.) 23 1/2.
SHIPPING:
Douglas 27 1/2.
H.K. & S. Steamship 17 1/2.
Indo China (Prof.) 9 1/2.
(Def.) 25 1/2.
Shells (Barter) 6 1/2.
Union Waterworks 36 1/2.
Star Line 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2.
DOCK, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.:
H.K. & S. Wharves (Old) 13 1/2.
(New) 13 1/2.
North Point Wharves 6 1/2.
H.K. Docks 2 1/2.
China Godowns 12 1/2.
Shanghai Docks 12 1/2.
Wharves 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2.
Mining:
Roub Mines 6 1/2.
H.K. Mines 21 1/2.
LAND, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:
H.K. & S. Hotels (X.D.) 12 1/2.
H.K. Lands (X.D.) 5 1/2, 5 1/2, 5 1/2.
H.K. Lands 2 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2.
Humphreys 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2.
H.K. Realities 2 1/2.
Chinese Estates 17 1/2.
PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways (X.D.) 18 1/2, 18 1/2, 18 1/2.
Peak Trams (Old) 20 1/2.
(New) 11 1/2.
Star Ferry 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2.
C. Light (Old) 14 1/2, 14 1/2, 14 1/2.
(New) 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2.
H.K. Electric 5 1/2.
Municipal Electric 2 1/2.
Sandsan Light 16 1/2.
Telephones 31 1/2, 30 1/2, 30 1/2.
Shanghai Gas 6 1/2.
INDUSTRIALS:
Cald. Moe. (Ord.) 28 1/2.
Canton Tea 7 1/2.
Cement 35 1/2.
H.K. Ropes 10 1/2.
STORES:
Dairy Farms (Old) 40 1/2, 40 1/2, 40 1/2.
(New) 6 1/2.
Watsons 5 1/2.
I. Crawford (Ord.) 37 1/2.
(New) 20 1/2.
Sincere 6 1/2.
China Emporium 11 1/2.
Sun Co. Ltd. 2 1/2.
Kwong Sang Hong 13 1/2.
Wing Co (H.K.) 10 1/2.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 11 1/2.
MISCELLANEOUS:
China Entertainment 48 1/2.
I.E.K. Construction (Ord.) 6 1/2.
(New) 7 1/2.
Vibron 16 1/2.
Maxman Investments 2 1/2.
Maxman (H.K.) 2 1/2.
Shanghai Loan 2 1/2.
Yankees 4 1/2.
COTTONS:
Firm 8 1/2, 8 1/2, 8 1/2.
RUBBER, Etc., COMPANIES:
Alma Estates 4 1/2.
Bata Annex 2 1/2.
Jute Plant, Ltd.
Chemicals 3 1/2.

Currency Reform In Berlin Again

Berlin, March 17.

The Western mark will become the sole legal tender in the Western sectors of Berlin on Sunday next.

On that date, Berlin will therefore have its fourth currency reform in less than a year.

German economic experts, who for more than a week have been conferring behind barbed wire in a building in the British sector of Berlin, have completed their plans for the change-over.

The plans have been approved by the Western Allied authorities. The terms of the change-over will probably be announced late on Saturday night, after bank hours and businesses have closed.

After Sunday the Western mark will be the only valid currency in the West, although it will not be illegal to hold Eastern marks and, as far as may yet be ascertained, the licensed exchange booths will continue to operate. These booths were exchanging Western marks for Eastern marks today at the rate of one to 4.00.

At present, West Berliners pay for ration, rent and fares in Eastern marks. The economy of Western Berlin has been living on both currencies since last June.

Businesses and the City Administration have accounts in both marks, and many businesses will continue to earn Eastern marks in the Soviet sector.

A Concession

Residents of Western Berlin, who work and earn Eastern marks in the Soviet sector, will be able to change into Western marks, one for one, by producing a work certificate. The cost of this will be borne by the Magistrate.

Historic both Western and Eastern marks circulated together in Western Berlin, in arbitrary proportions. In theory, workers were supposed to get a quarter of their pay in Western and three-quarters in Eastern marks.

The Eastern marks were supposed to be the currency for downmost essentials that made life possible—food, ration, gas and electricity, and rent. Western marks were to be for the semi-essentials and non-essentials that make life worth living. In practice, employers had to pay in whichever currency they themselves earned. Firms selling essentials tended to earn and pay Eastern marks, while those selling non-essentials earned and paid Western marks almost exclusively—Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, March 18.
The steamer Flying Scud arrived yesterday from Yokohama, Manchester Castle sailed for Manila.—Associated Press.

Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
Cheng Rubbers 25n.				
Consolidated 140n.				
Dominion 1n.				
Indo 25n.				
Harsh Rubbers 25n.				
Rubber Trusts 2n.				
Samarsan 70n.				
Samaran 30n.				
Sh. Koda 12n.				
Sh. Malaysia 4n.				
Sun Mangala 10n.				
Tanah Merah 42n. 1/2.				
Telanga 25n.				

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Money Market

Gold dropped back to HK\$108.87 1/2 a tael at the close of the market yesterday, after it had opened at \$312. Highest and lowest rates of the day were \$312.50 and \$308.37 1/2.

US dollars went up to HK\$5.22 in the morning, and closed at half a cent lower.

Gold Yuan continuing its drop, was down to HK\$47.10 for 10,000 in Hong Kong. For Canton remittances it was quoted at \$5.80 and \$6 for 10,000. For Shanghai remittances it was \$4.70 and \$4.55.

Piastres opened at HK\$0.02 1/2, a 100, went up to \$10.05, and closed at \$10.

Ticals were again unchanged at HK\$24.30 a 100.

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Sterling made a further climb to HK\$15.20. Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.75.

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New York, March 18.
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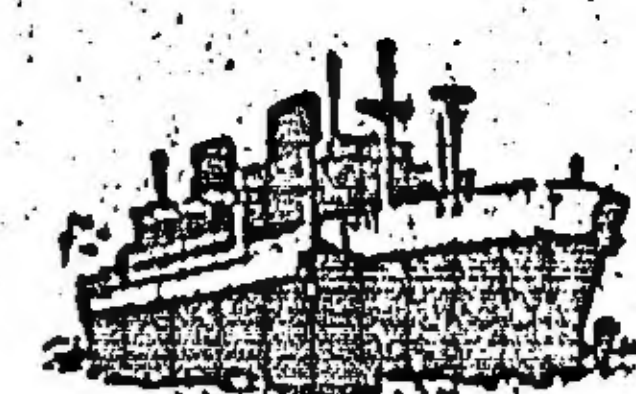
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GOVERNOR'S CUP FINAL AT VALLEY TOMORROW

(By "ROYER")

Soccer fans will be in for a rare treat tomorrow afternoon, when teams representing the HKFA and CNAAF meet on the Club Ground at Happy Valley in the final game of the Governor's Cup Competition.

On conclusion of the game, the coveted Cup will be presented by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, to the winning team.

With the postponement of the Army versus Navy game, the only First Division match on today's programme which is likely to be keenly contested is that between Kit Chee and St. Joseph's on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay.

South China "A" are at home to Eastern at Caroline Hill this afternoon and should have no difficulty in securing both points. Earlier in the season, St. John's "A" beat their opponents by three goals to one.

Kwong Wah will be up against a stiff proposition when they meet Kowloon Motor Bus at Boundary Street today.

The busmen, who beat Kwong Wah by four goals to one the last time they met, are still looking forward to finishing as runners-up in the First Division.

They are not, therefore, expected to take this afternoon's game any too lightly, but will go all out for a win and should succeed.

St. Joseph's, who lost to Kit Chee by two goals to one in their previous encounter, are hardly likely to reverse the decision today, notwithstanding Kit Chee's unimpressive display against Kit Chee last week. A win for Kit Chee is expected.

The final game in the Governor's Cup Competition tomorrow should attract a capacity crowd at Happy Valley.

Major Upset

In the first game of the Competition, which was played at Boundary Street on December 12, the Hong Kong Football Association XI caused a major upset by trouncing a strong Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation XI by six goals to one.

The second game, which was played at Caroline Hill on January 17, resulted in a win for the Chinese by five goals to two.

On paper, the Chinese team for tomorrow's game looks quite formidable and should win. However, the team selected to represent the HKFA can by no means be taken lightly and if the players can show the same fighting spirit and tenacity of purpose as that which carried the team to a brilliant victory on December 12 after being one goal down, the Chinese will not have matters entirely their own way.

All things considered, tomorrow's game should provide spectators with a full quota of thrills and if Howlett, who is leading the HKFA attack can strike his true form and worry the Chinese defence while the other forwards get moving, it would not be surprising to see the Association XI carry off the Cup.

The decision to cancel the Annual Referees' Dinner owing to lack of support came as a most unpleasant surprise in more respects than one. The cancellation of this dinner has served to reveal more clearly than ever, the fact that all is not well among the referees.

As has been emphasised before, the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association is a house divided against itself. There can be no denying the fact that the majority of referees have, in keeping with conditions peculiar to Hong Kong, formed themselves into cliques. As a result, each clique endeavours to "put a spoke in the wheel" of the other clique.

Not Satisfactory

This state of affairs is not altogether satisfactory and it is hoped that in the interests of the game, referees will get together and thrash out their differences.

One of the most noticeable features about soccer games in the Colony is the failure of most referees to exercise their rights under Law 5 (a) of the Laws of the Game, insofar as the same relates to what is known as "the advantage rule." Although referees are empowered to "refrain from penalising in cases where they are satisfied that by doing so they would be giving an advantage to the offending team," nothing has been done to implement this Law.

Players who possess but little knowledge of sportsmanship are not slow to take advantage of the laxity of referees in this respect. Perhaps if referees had exercised this "advantage rule" in the past many of the players would in the future think twice before jumping up to handle the ball when it is on its way to an opponent who is favourably placed.

Another point to which referees ought give some consideration is that which concerns "shouting" by players during a game. At a recent match, the players on one team were continually heard

Week-End Sports

The following is the week-end programme:—

Today
1st Division
Kit Chee v St. Joseph's; Navy 4.30 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward; Linemen: Pte. Collins and P. George.

Army v Navy; (Postponed).
South China "A" v Eastern Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Chinail; Linemen: J. Day and Mak Young-Fai.

Kwong Wah v KMB; Boundary 4.30 p.m.; Referee: J. G. Padley; Linemen: A. F. Willis and H. Richardson.
Club v South China "B"; Postponed.

CAA (bye)
2nd Division
Navy v Club; Navy 3 p.m.; Referee: Pte. Collins.

Army-HK v Dockyard; Sookumpoo 3 p.m.; Referee: D. P. Lal.

Kit Chee v PCA; Caroline Hill 3 p.m.; Referee: J. Day.

CAA v WD Chinese; Boundary 3 p.m.; Referee: A. F. Willis.

KMB v Solicitors; Chatham Rd. 3 p.m.; Referee: L. Davey.

St. Joseph's v Army-KI; Army "I" 3 p.m.; Referee: F. A. Barretto.

University v Tramways; Cancelled.
Eastern v Police; Cancelled.

Tomorrow
Governor's Cup Final
HKFA v CNAAF; Club 4 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney; Linemen: J. Ward and A.E.P. Guest.

(Duration of match will be 90 minutes. An extra time ten minutes each way will be played in the event of a draw).

South China v Talkoo; Caroline Hill 3 p.m.; Referee: W. Crawford.

shouting to each other or at their opponents. In one case, a defender who was becoming annoyed with an opposing forward, shouted "I'll get you yet, my young lad." This threat could be heard from the stands. Shortly afterwards, when the forward who had been threatened gained possession of the ball, the defender who had uttered the threat rushed up and, with his back to the referee, gave his opponent a nasty elbowing in the ribs.

This sort of thing is all too common in Hong Kong and linesmen would be well advised to bring to the attention of the referee conduct of this type, which is likely to bring the game into disrepute.



The victorious Malaysian Thomas Cup Badminton Team at the Sykes Slazengers' Showrooms, where they were welcomed by Mr. Michael McMaster, Chairman of the Slazengers, Sykes, Ayres, Gradidge Group. They are here seen with the Thomas Cup prior to going on to the Alexandria Palace, London, to appear in the BBC television programme. Left to right: Law Teik Hock, Ong Poh Lim, Wong Peng Soon, Ooi Teik Hock, Mr. Michael McMaster, Teoh Seng Khoo, Mr. Khoo of Singapore, Mr. A. L. Parrow, formerly of Messrs. Barlow & Company, Singapore, Lim Kee Fong, Reoh Teck Chye, Mr. R. W. Boomer, the Assistant Export Manager of Slazenger's Sykes Group and Chan Kon Leong. (Photo by courtesy of Denis Haxell & Company).

School's Annual Athletic Meeting

The Annual Athletic Sports Meeting of the Government Vernacular Senior Middle School was held at the Causeway Bay Ground yesterday. About 200 students took part in the event.

At the conclusion of the Meet, prizes were distributed by Mrs. Fung Bing-fang.

The following were the results of the events:—

Senior 100 metres: (1) Lai Chung-hang, Time, 13 secs. (2) Chan Kay-hong (3) Wong Tse-chun.

Junior 100 metres: (1) Ho King-yeo, Time, 13 secs. (2) Yuen Wai-kuok (3) Wong Chung-leung.

Girls' 60 metres: (1) Lee Ma-hung, Time 9 secs. (2) Tam Sook-tun (3) Yuen Sook-ching.

HKFA Body Adjourns Hearing

Owing to the failure of Mr. J. Ward, soccer referee, to attend the meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA which sat last night to deal with his report against Lai Wal of the Police Sports Club, hearing of the case was adjourned until Monday, March 21, at 5.15 p.m.

Lai Wal was sent off the field by Mr. Ward during the First Division soccer match between St. Joseph's and Police on the Club Ground on Sunday, March 13, for allegedly kicking Pereira, of the Saints.

In the absence of the referee, the Emergency Sub-Committee asked Lai Wal if he would consent to the report which had been submitted.

On Lai Wal signifying his consent, he was asked to give his version of the incident. After this had been done, the Sub-Committee held a consultation in camera and then intimated that it would first like to hear Mr. Ward before coming to any decision.

Inspector Harris, representing Lai Wal, objected to this procedure, particularly in view of the fact that the Sub-Committee had obtained Lai Wal's consent to the case being dealt with on the basis of the report, submitted by the referee.

Captain Tibble, who was in the Chair, said that while it was customary in a Magistrate's Court to ask for a case to be dismissed on the failure of a complainant to attend, he felt that in fairness to the HKFA and to the player, it was desirable that the referee be heard.

BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, March 18.

Scores of exhibition baseball games:
Chicago Nationals 5, New York Nationals 6.

Saint Louis Americans 2, San Francisco Coast Leaguers 1.

Chicago Americans 15, Cleveland Americans 4.

Philadelphia Nationals 1, Boston Americans 4.

Cincinnati Nationals 9, Boston Nationals 4.

Detroit Americans 2, New York Americans 2 (tie, called at the end of the seventh inning because of darkness).—Associated Press.

PORTUGAL TO TAKE ON PAKISTAN SOFTBALLERS

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Both the Senior and Junior Championships having been decided, interest this week is centred on the annual International classics slated for tomorrow afternoon at the CBA Park. Portugal is featured in both the Men's and Ladies' Divisions, the lads taking on Pakistan while the lasses tangle with Great Britain.

Although Pakistan appear in the series for the first time as a team, the players comprising this outfit are by no means strangers to fans, as practically the whole line-up has represented India in previous years.

Senior Markar who piloted the Indian side to several championships in the past has again been selected by popular vote to hold the managerial reins, and although the bespectacled mentor has not gained his laurels as a player, his impressive record of managerial triumphs speaks for itself.

Portugal has always figured prominently in both sections of the Tournament, but whereas the side have waded through all opposition in the past, the lasses have yet to lay their hands on the coveted Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. Shield.

Charlie Figueiredo, veteran player and manager, is in charge of both squads, and the cool and experienced boss will have to use every trick out of his bag if he hopes for a double victory.

The Ladies' tussle will practically be a rehearsal of next week's Wildcats—Whoops show-down, with Owl battery Terry Noronha and Patsy Ribeiro being the main attractions. The only probable non-Owl insider will be Inez Soares at second base.

On the other hand, the British team will field Peggy Barros at first base, Thelma Watson at second, and Helen Remedios at short-stop—all players from the Untamed Felines.

Challenge

In the past, it has always been runaway affairs for the Portuguese, and this is the first year that their supremacy will be seriously challenged.

Early this week it was decided that the Inter-Hong League will celebrate its opening on Sunday, April 3.

It is understood that six teams have applied for entry and the dead-line has been set for Monday for their confirmation, after which an official one-round schedule will be drawn up.

The Most Valuable Player in the three leagues will be decided by a special commission of 15 fans to be selected by the General Committee for this task.

Each member of this sub-committee will submit five names and points will be awarded in the order of selection.

The nominated player acquiring the most number of points shall receive the MVP title for this year.

The annual post-series Junior League Champions against the Hosts has been scheduled for Sunday, March 27, at 2.00 p.m.

Philo Remedios has been assigned to manage the team, and the following will comprise the side:

Batteries: Vic Pedruco, and Frankie Correa, Josely Ribeiro and Harry Lee. Infielders: Robin Hill, Bob Heather, Tony Silva, Gerry van Langenberg, Manuel Gutierrez, Reggie Viera. Outfielders: Lionel Segulera, Murdo Nicholson, A. M. Wahab, Salmet Samy and Bunny Brown.

An expression of dissatisfaction by a Madcap fan published a few days ago may not be entirely groundless. There has been no official publication of the grounds on which their protest against the Canadians has been rejected.

Denied Right

Further it has been learnt that the Madcaps were denied the right of hearing the defenders' counter statements, which undoubtedly must have gone into the records and contributed to a large extent to the final ruling.

I am unable to state whether all the facts placed before the Board of Arbitration were verified but I do know that inaccurate information, alleging interference with the plate umpire by an interested spectator was not corroborated.

It does appear then, that other inaccuracies may have been present, and it is my opinion that the case should be re-opened a full investigation conducted and the finding made public.

It is not the writer's intention to criticize the Protest Committee, but it does seem strange that a base-runner could wander so far off the playing field without being put out.

According to eye-witnesses, the player concerned was approximately 30 feet away from first base, and in the direction of home plate at that. It is common knowledge that a base-runner is entitled to over-run first base without being put out, provided he returns immediately to that base.

Taking into consideration the base-runner's position off the playing field, I doubt whether he is entitled to exemption from being put out.

The Protest Committee comprised men of long experience and can be depended on to give a just interpretation of the rule as it should be read. I can only infer that there may have been a misrepresentation of facts.

To justify the confidence which all players and fans have in the General Committee, it is hoped that they will go into the facts again, and confirm that nothing but the actual facts were taken into consideration.

PROGRAMME & UMPIRE ROSTER FOR SUNDAY MEN'S INTERNATIONALS

— FINALS
CBA Ground—2.00 p.m.: Portugal v Pakistan (Kasso Mazarrin, Hal Winglee, Fred Dista).

LADIES' INTERNATIONALS

— FINALS
CBA Ground—3.30 p.m.: Portugal v Great Britain (Sabu Samy, Senior Markar, Tiger Hussain).

Jones Beats Mackie In Semi-Final

B. T. M. Jones smashed his way into the final of the Club's Singles Championship when he beat J. Mackie by 6-2, 6-2 and 8-6.

Jones proved himself to be a better player but Mackie fought back gamely and matched Jones stroke for stroke.

It was Jones' steadiness in the first two sets that gave him victory. Jones took the first game of the next set, but Mackie took the next game, and Jones again regained the lead only for Mackie to equalise after three deuces had been called. Jones then rolled off four games in a row to win the set.

The second set saw Jones leading by five games to one and finished the set by winning 6-2. Undaunted by being two sets in arrears, Mackie took the first four games in the third set, leading 4-0. Mackie at this period was driving very deadly. He then went off and Jones levelled the score at 4-4. The scores were levelled at five-all and six-all and eventually Jones won after an exciting struggle by 8-6.

In the quarter final, R. Segalen beat J. Hawthorn by 6-4 and 6-2.

In the Men's Club's Singles Handicap, A. T. Dow beat G.S. Coxhead 6-2, 6-2 and Dr. H. Meyer beat P.H. Bonnerman 6-4, 2-6 and 7-5.

The semi-final of the Club's Singles championship will be played on Monday between R. Segalen and M. Heenan.

TEERING-OFF TIMES

Starting times at the Fanning Golf Course (Old Course) tomorrow are as follows:—

9.05 E.H. Robinson v N.J. Watson
9.15 A.G.O. Eastman v J.L. McIntyre
9.25 W.G. Robertson v F. Groves
9.35 P.D. Hunter v L.R. Billingham
9.45 J.H. Cleland v D.M. Shaw
9.55 D.S. Robb v G.D. Carter
10.05 A.E. Lissaman v R.T. Chan
10.15 Linaker and Smalley v W.G. Hunt and Bun
10.25 D.A.O. Davies v R.E.H. Nelson
10.35 W.G. Davidson v G.W. Stewart
10.45 J.T. Reid v R.G. Duchan
10.55 W.L. Spencer v G.H. Cantherley
11.05 E.H. Hudson v G.D.M. Walker
11.15 D.S. Robb v G.D. Carter
11.25 M.S. Douglas v J.M. Pattinson
11.35 I.W. Sheehan v D.L. Frost
11.45 W.H. Palmer v J.J. Connerthwaite
11.55 E. Bickhurst v L.O. Saville
12.05 R.R. Davies v S.S. Gordon
12.15 E.G. Price v E. McLaren
12.25 J.R. Bennett v G. Bennett
12.35 W.H. Palmer v J.J. Connerthwaite
12.45 A.D. Duffy v R.G. Pugh
12.55 L.D. Pringle v E.W. Chaves

The first meeting of the Hong Kong Field Society will take place in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post at 6.45 p.m. on Monday.

Miss Xavier In Surprise Shuttle Win

Bouncing like a rubber ball all over the court, little Margie Xavier pulled off the only surprise of last evening's badminton championship games at the VRC, when she beat Mrs. A. Tamworth in two sets, 11-2, 12-10.

Mrs. Tamworth was unfortunately to be one of her off-days, especially in the first set when she hit practically every other ball out.

The second set saw glimpses of her usual form. With deadly aim she jumped to a 7-1 and later to a 10-3 lead.

The Rector's girl, however, rose to the occasion, lobbing and retrieving like a champion.

She scored repeatedly with her flashing speed that often left the KCC player standing.

From 3-10, she caught up to 10-10, and eventually won it 12-10.

Junior Men's Singles: D.C. Lau beat H.J. Xavier, 15-4, 15-1.

Ladies' Singles: Miss Margaret Xavier beat Mrs. L.F. Sigkes, 11-4, 11-3.

Ladies' Singles: Miss Margie Xavier beat Mrs. A. Tamworth, 11-2, 11-10.

Junior Men's Doubles: H.F. Tai and W.N. Cheung beat R.M. Soares and J.A. Soares, 15-7, 15-12.

FIXTURES FOR THE COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES
Monday—At VRC
7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): J.M. Soares v K.P. Chong.
8.00 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): C. Quinn and Miss Y. Franco v A.L. Fisher and Mrs. Anderson.
8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): J.A. Soares v K.S. Thong.
9.00 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): D.C. Lau and Miss H. Kwong v M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Lawrence.

Tuesday—At KCC
7.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): R.M. Soares and Mrs. O. Lawrence v M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Lawrence.

8.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles): Miss J. Soares and Miss Y. Franco v Miss H. Kwong and Miss R.P. Lam.
8.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): A.J. Goncalves and Miss G. Silva v H.J. Xavier and Miss T. Baptista.

St. Joseph's Lead Senior Sports

Points won by different Schools at the Inter-School Sports heats held at Caroline Hill on Thursday are as follows:—

Senior.
St. Joseph's College 16 pts; La Salle College 14 pts; King George V School 13 pts; Wah Yan College 11 pts; Diocesan Boys' School 10 pts; Queen's College 9 pts; St. Stephen's College 7 pts; St. Paul's College 2 pts; Yau-mat (PM) 2 pts; Wan-lai (PM) 1 pt.

Junior.
La Salle College 14 pts; St. Joseph's College 12 pts; Queen's College 12 pts; Wah Yan College 10 pts; Diocesan Boys' School 10 pts; St. Stephen's College 9 pts; St. Paul's College 8 pts; Yau-mat (PM) 5 pts; Yau-mat (AM) 4 pts; Ellis Kadoorie (PM), 3 pts; Wan-lai (PM) 2 pts; Ying Wah College 1 pt; Anglo-Chinese (AM) 1 pt; Anglo-Chinese (PM) 1 pt; N.T.C.A. 1 pt.

BASKETBALL PROGRAMME
The following games are down for decision in the Hong Kong Basketball League over the week-end:

Tonight
"A" Division
Lau Sing v Kung Man (7 p.m.)
"B" Division
Lau Sing v Chinese Newspaper Reporters (8 p.m.)

Ladies' Section
Kln. Chinese YMCA v Heung Tao (8 p.m.)

Tomorrow
"A" Division
Union Team v South China (7 p.m.)
"B" Division
HK Chinese YMCA v Lai Hang (6 p.m.)

Ladies' Section
Kung Man v South China (8 p.m.)

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